バロム・1（ワン）

② みたぞ!!ドルゲの正体

さいとう・たかを

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BAROM ONE

TAKAO SAITO

BAROM ONE · VOLUME 2
DORUGE'S TRUE FORM REVEALED!

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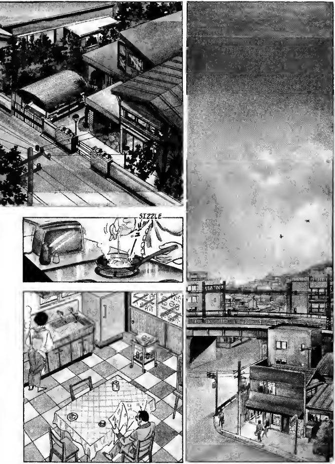
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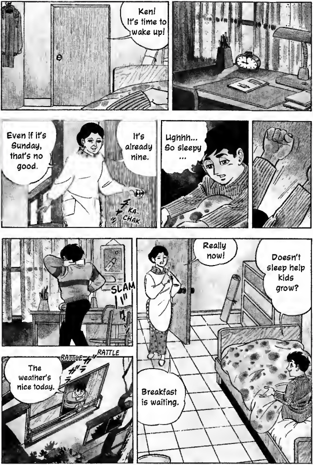
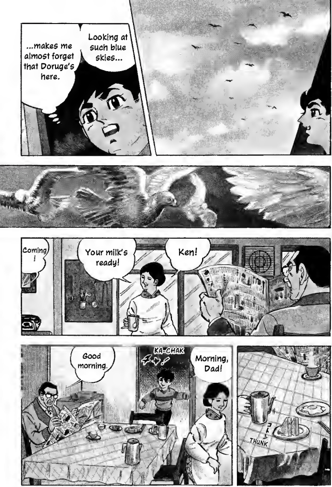
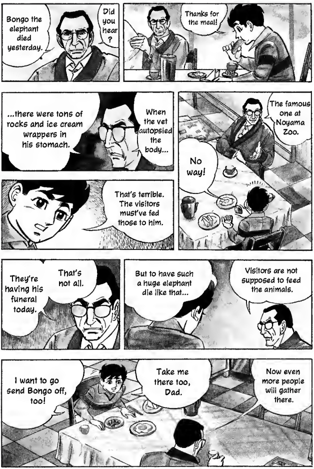
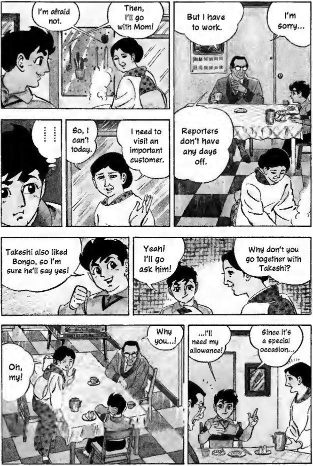
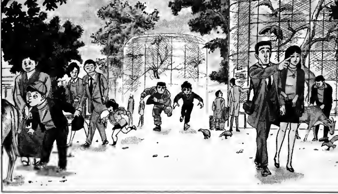

Ken! It's time to wake up!
Even if it's Sunday, that's no good.
It's already nine.
KA-CHAK
Ughhh... So sleepy ...
SLAM
RATTLE RATTLE
The weather's nice today.
Really now!
Doesn't sleep help kids grow?
Breakfast is waiting.


Looking at such blue skies...
...makes me almost forget that Doruge's here.
Ken!
Your milk's ready!
Coming!
コト
THUNK
Morning, Dad!
KA-CHAK
Good morning.


Thanks for the meal!
Did you hear?
Bongo the elephant died yesterday.
The famous one at Noyama Zoo.
No way!
When the vet autopsied the body...
...there were tons of rocks and ice cream wrappers in his stomach.
That's terrible. The visitors must've fed those to him.
Visitors are not supposed to feed the animals.
But to have such a huge elephant die like that...
That's not all.
They're having his funeral today.
Now even more people will gather there.
Take me there too, Dad.
I want to go send Bongo off, too!


I'm sorry...
But I have to work.
Reporters don't have any days off.
Then, I'll go with Mom!
I'm afraid not.
I need to visit an important customer.
So, I can't today.
......
Why don't you go together with Takeshi?
Yeah! I'll go ask him!
Takeshi also liked Bongo, so I'm sure he'll say yes!
Since it's a special occasion...
...I'll need my allowance!
Why you...!
Oh, my!



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CHAPTER 1

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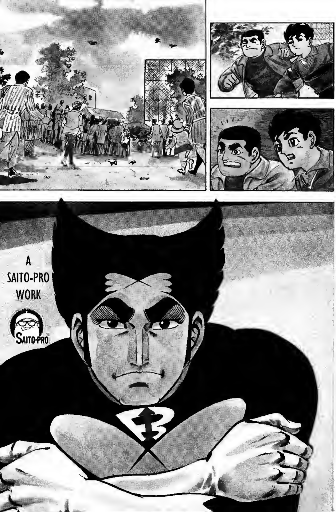
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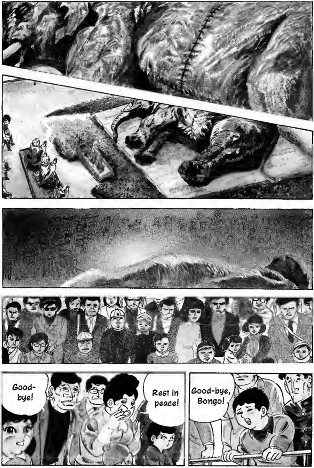
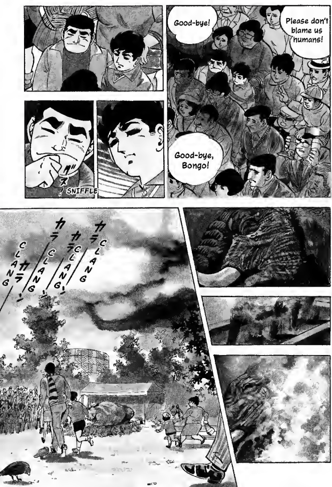
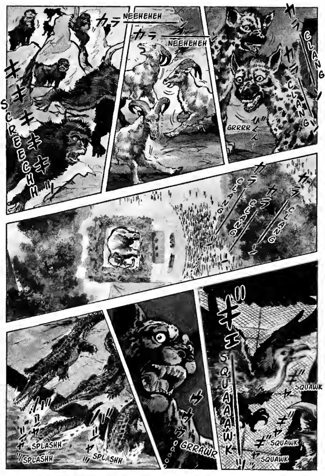
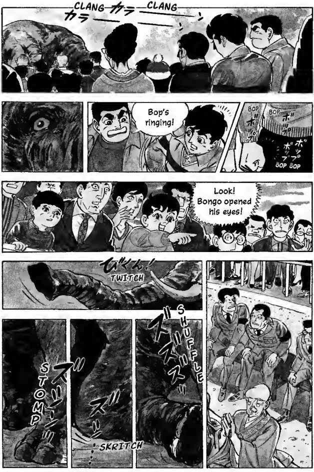
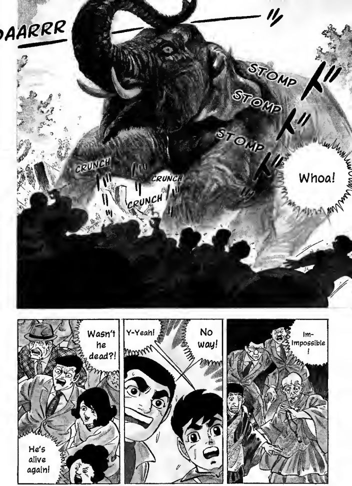
SAITO-PRO
WORK
SAITO-PRO

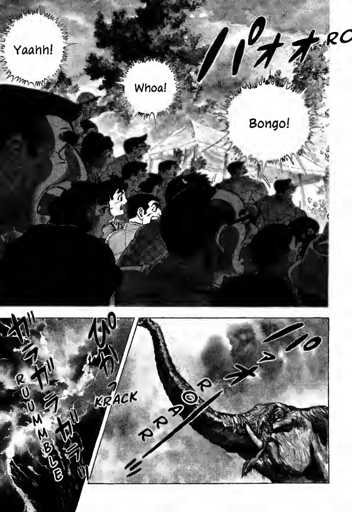

Good-bye!
Rest in peace!
Good-bye, Bongo!

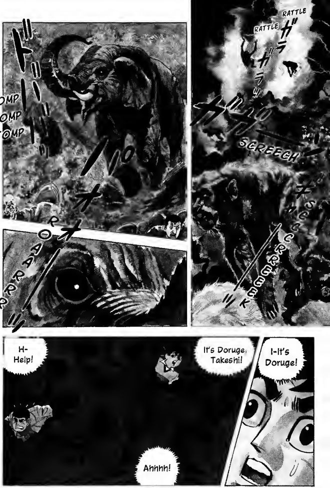

Good-bye!
Please don't blame us humans!
Good-bye, Bongo!
グズ
SNIFFLE
カラ
CLANG
カラ
CLANG
カラ
CLANG
カラ
CLANG

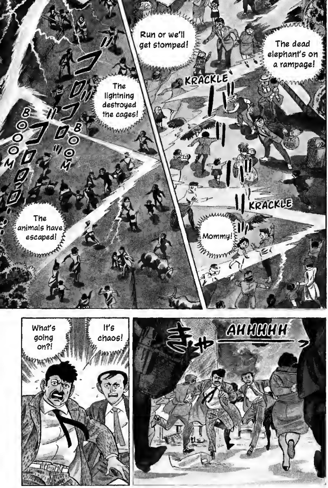

カラ
CLANG
カラ
CLANG
びくっ
GRRRR
カラ
NEEHEHEH
カラ
NEEHEHEH
キキキキキ
SCREECHH
カラ
CLANG
カラ
CLANG
カラ
CLANG
ギエ
SQUAAAWK
ギャ
SQUAWK
ギャ
SQUAWK
ギャ
SQUAWK
ウウウ……
GRRAWR
バジャ
SPLASHH
ジャ
SPLASHH
バジャ
SPLASHH

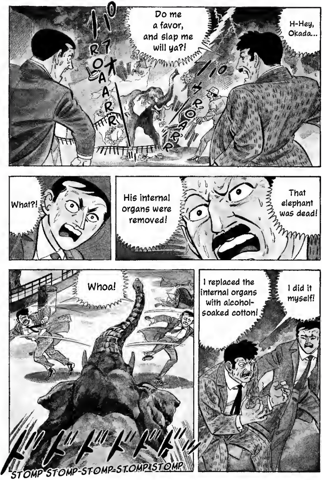

CLANG
カラ
カラ
CLANG
Bop's ringing!
BOP BOP
BOP BOP
Look! Bongo opened his eyes!
TWITCH
STOMP
SKRITCH
SHUFFLE

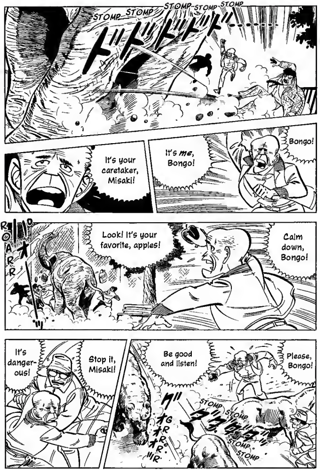

DAARRR
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
Whoa!
Wasn't he dead?!
He's alive again!
Y-Yeah!
No way!
Im-Impossible!

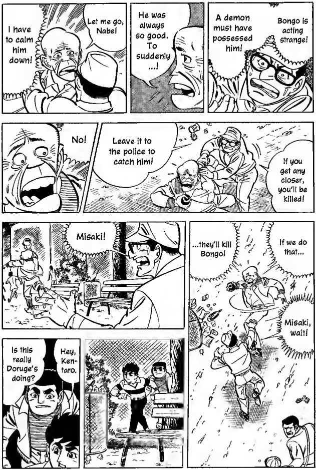

パオオ
RO
Bongo!
Whoa!
Yaahh!
パオ
ROARR
ぴかっ
KRACK
ガラガラガラッ
RUUMBLE

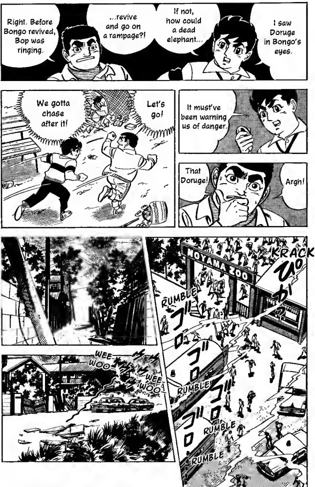

RATTLE
RATTLE
SCREECH
CREEEK
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
ROAARRR
I-It's Doruge!
It's Doruge, Takeshi!
H- Help!
Ahhhh!

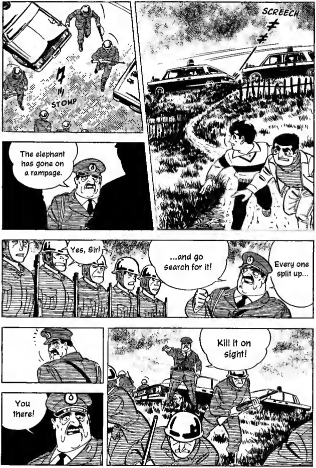

The dead elephant's on a rampage!
Run or we'll get stomped!
KRACKLE
KRACKLE
Mommy!
ゴロゴロゴロ
BOOOM
BOOOM
The lightning destroyed the cages!
The animals have escaped!
きゃ
AHHHHH
It's chaos!
What's going on?!

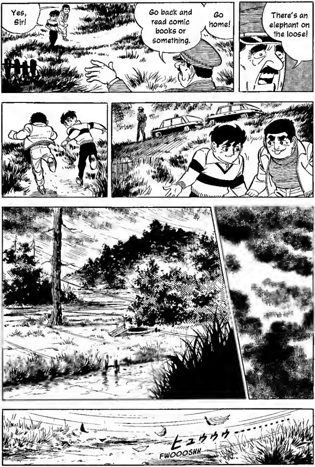

H-Hey, Okada...
Do me a favor, and slap me will ya?!
ROAAR
ROAAR
That elephant was dead!
His internal organs were removed!
What?!
I did it myself!
I replaced the internal organs with alcohol-soaked cotton!
Whoa!
STOMP-STOMP-STOMP-STOMP-STOMP

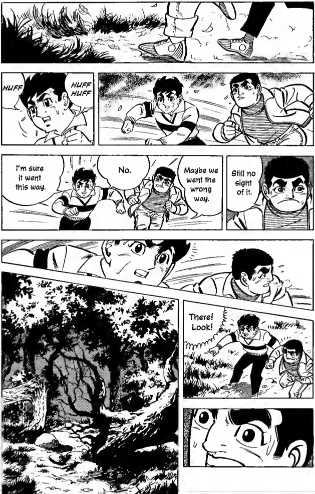

STOMP STOMP STOMP STOMP STOMP
ドドドドド
Bongo!
It's *me*, Bongo!
It's your caretaker, Misaki!
Calm down, Bongo!
Look! It's your favorite, apples!
ROAR
オ
Please, Bongo!
STOMP STOMP
ダッダッダッ
STOMP STOMP
Be good and listen!
グ
GRRR
オオ
Stop it, Misaki!
It's dangerous!

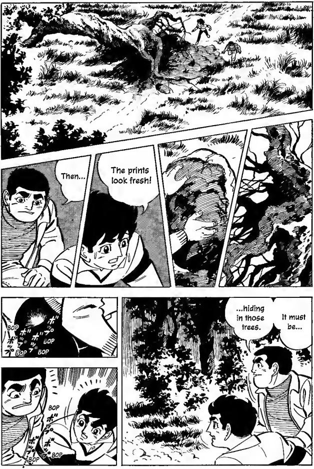

Bongo is acting strange!
A demon must have possessed him!
He was always so good. To suddenly ...!
Let me go, Nabe!
I have to calm him down!
If you get any closer, you'll be killed!
Leave it to the police to catch him!
No!
If we do that...
...they'll kill Bongo!
Misaki, wait!
Misaki!
Hey, Kentaro.
Is this really Doruge's doing?

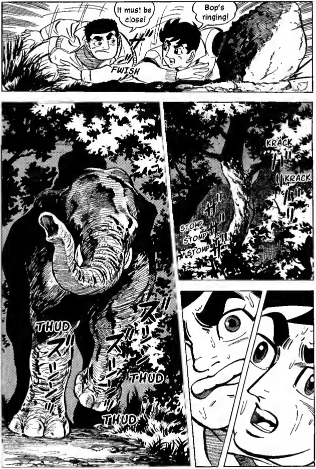

I saw Doruge in Bongo's eyes.
If not, how could a dead elephant...
...revive and go on a rampage?!
Right. Before Bongo revived, Bop was ringing.
It must've been warning us of danger.
Argh!
That Doruge!
Let's go!
We gotta chase after it!
NOYAMA ZOO
KRACK
ひゅ
RUMBLE
ゴロ
ゴロ
RUMBLE
ゴロ
ゴロ
RUMBLE
ゴロ
RUMBLE
WEE-WOO
WEE-WOO

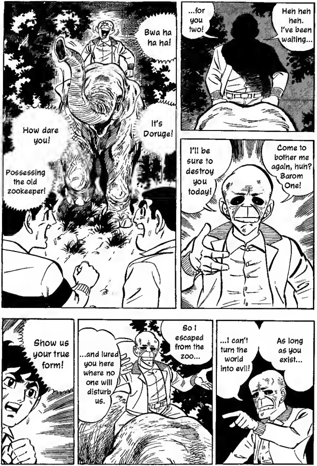

SCREECH
STOMP
The elephant has gone on a rampage.
Every one split up...
...and go search for it!
Yes, Sir!
Kill it on sight!
You there!

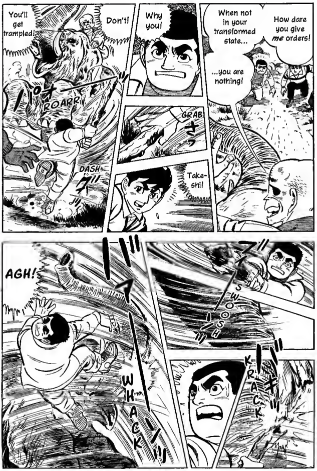

There's an elephant on the loose!
Go home!
Go back and read comic books or something.
Yes, Sir!
ヒュウウウ
FWOOOSHH

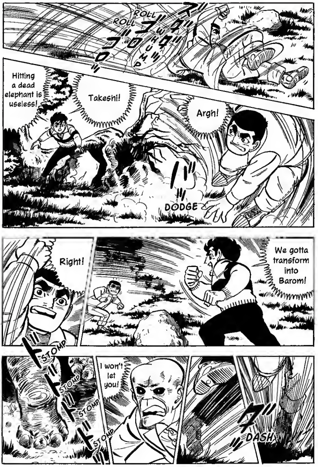

HUFF HUFF
HUFF
Still no sight of it.
Maybe we went the wrong way.
No.
I'm sure it went this way.
There! Look!

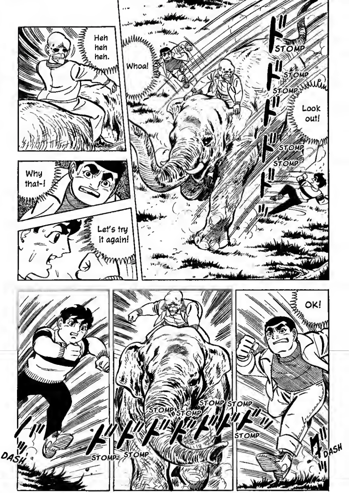

The prints look fresh!
Then...
It must be...
...hiding in those trees.
ボップ ボップ ボップ ボップ
BOP BOP BOP BOP
ボップ ボップ ボップ
BOP BOP BOP

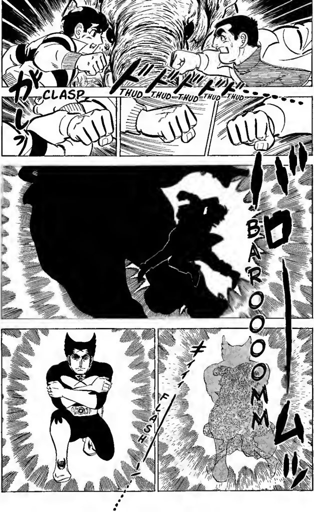

Bop's ringing!
It must be close!
FWISH
KRACK
KRACK
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
THUD
THUD
THUD

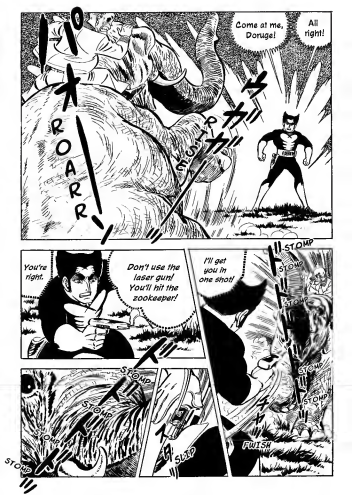

Heh heh heh. I've been waiting...
...for you two!
Come to bother me again, huh? Barom One!
I'll be sure to destroy you today!
Bwa ha ha ha!
It's Doruge!
How dare you!
Possessing the old zookeeper!
As long as you exist...
...I can't turn the world into evil!
So I escaped from the zoo...
...and lured you here where no one will disturb us.
Show us your true form!

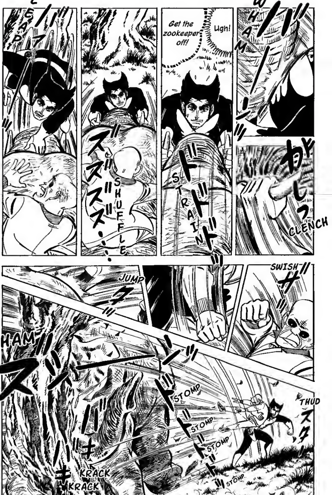

How dare you give *me* orders!
When not in your transformed state...
...you are nothing!
Why you!
GRAB
さッ
Take-shi!
Don't!
You'll get trampled!
ROARR
DASH
SWOOSH
AGH!
WHACK
KRACK

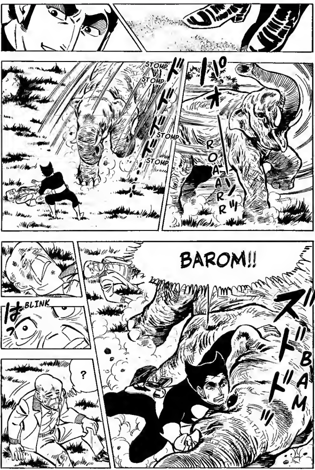

ROLL
ROLL
WHUMP
Argh!
Takeshi!
Hitting a dead elephant is useless!
DODGE
We gotta transform into Barom!
Right!
STOMP
DASH
I won't let you!
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP

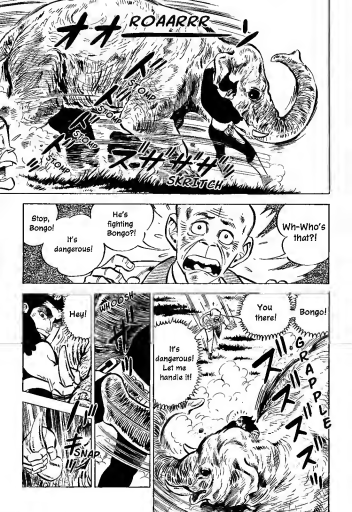

Heh heh heh.
Why that-!
Let's try it again!
Whoa!
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
Look out!
STOMP
STOMP
DASH
STOMP STOMP
STOMP STOMP
STOMP STOMP
STOMP
OK!
DASH

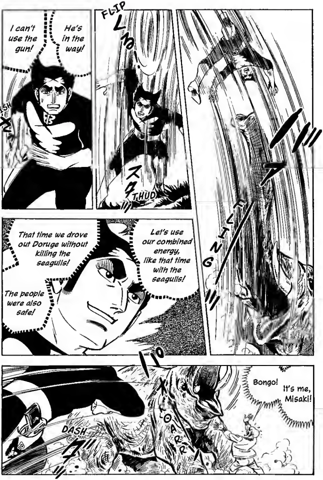

ドドドドドド
THUD THUD THUD THUD THUD
がしっ
CLASP
バローームッ
BAROOOOMM
キィィィ
FLASH

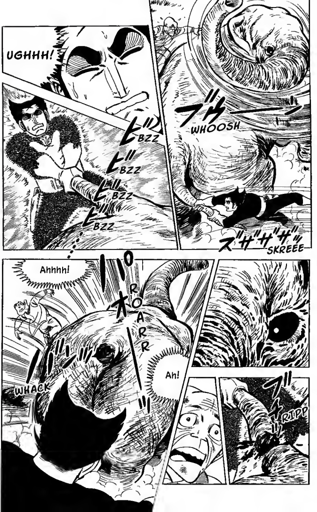

All right!
Come at me, Doruge!
RISE
ROARR
I'll get you in one shot!
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
FWISH
Don't use the laser gun! You'll hit the zookeeper!
You're right.
SLIP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP

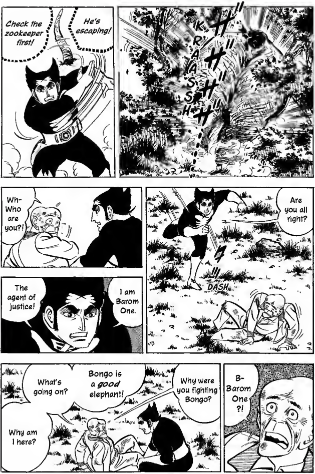

WHAM
バン
CLENCH
がしっ
Get the zookeeper off!
Ugh!
STRAIN
ドドドド
SHUFFLE
ズズズズ…
LEAP
パッ
SWISH
サッ
JUMP
タッ
WHAM
ズシーン
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
ドドドド
KRACK
KRACK
バキバキ
THUD
ズタッ

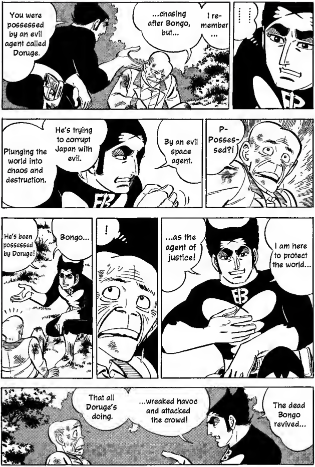

パオーン
ROAARR
ドドドド
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
BAROM!!
ズドドド
BAM
はっ
BLINK
?

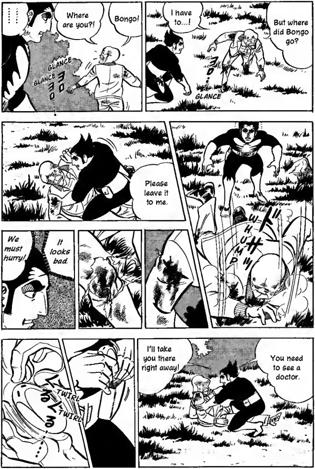

オオ ROAARRR
STOMP STOMP STOMP STOMP
ズザザザ SKRITCH
Wh-Who's that?!
He's fighting Bongo?!
Stop, Bongo!
It's dangerous!
Bongo!
You there!
It's dangerous! Let me handle it!
GRAPPLE
WHOOSH
バキ SNAP
Hey!

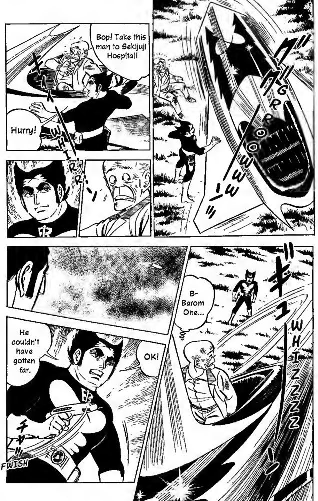

I can't use the gun!
He's in the way!
FWISH
FLIP
THUD
FLING
That time we drove out Doruge without killing the seagulls!
The people were also safe!
Let's use our combined energy, like that time with the seagulls!
ROAR
Bongo!
It's me, Misaki!
DASH

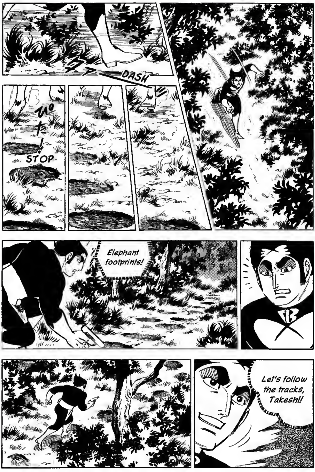

ブゥーーン
WHOOSH
ズザザザ
SKREEE
UGHHH!
ビ
BZZ
ビ
BZZ
ビ
BZZ
ビ
BZZ
Ahhhh!
パオーッ
ROARR
バン
WHACK
Ah!
ブチ
RIPP

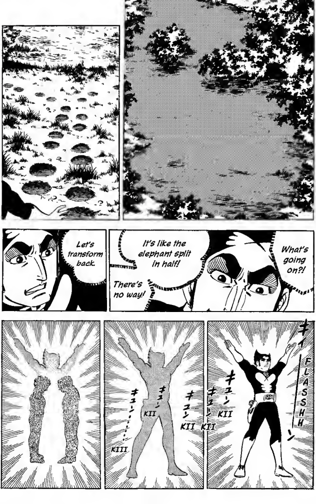

KRAASSHH
He's escaping!
Check the zookeeper first!
Are you all right?
DASH
Wh-Who are you?!
I am Barom One.
The agent of justice!
B-Barom One?!
Why were you fighting Bongo?
Bongo is a *good* elephant!
What's going on?
Why am I here?

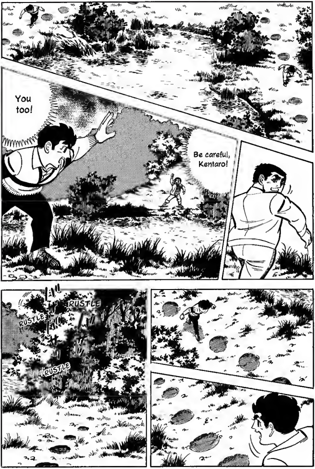

……
I remember…
…chasing after Bongo, but…
You were possessed by an evil agent called Doruge.
P-Possessed?!
By an evil space agent.
He's trying to corrupt Japan with evil.
Plunging the world into chaos and destruction.
I am here to protect the world…
…as the agent of justice!
!
Bongo…
He's been possessed by Doruge!
The dead Bongo revived…
…wreaked havoc and attacked the crowd!
That all Doruge's doing.

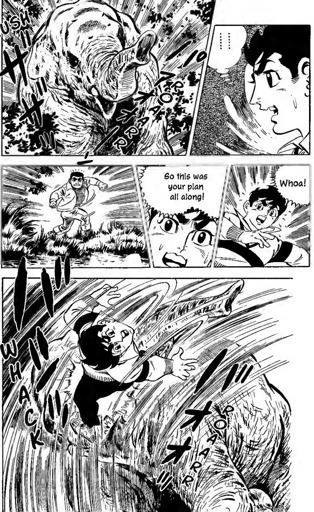

......
Where are you?!
Bongo!
GLANCE GLANCE
ヨロヨロ
I have to...!
But where did Bongo go?
ヨロ...
GLANCE
Please leave it to me.
WHUMP
ドサッ
We must hurry!
It looks bad.
TWIRL TWIRL
くるくる
......
I'll take you there right away!
You need to see a doctor.

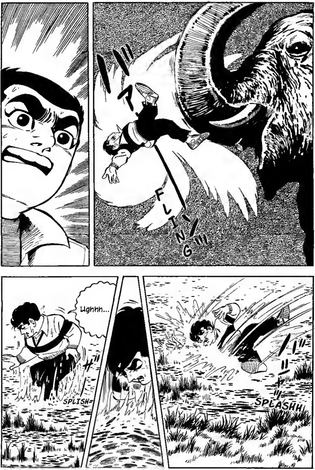

グ
ググ
GROOOWWW
Bop! Take this man to Sekijuji Hospital!
キィィ
WHIRR
Hurry!
ギュ
WHIZZZZZ
ン
B-Barom One...
OK!
He couldn't have gotten far.
チャ
FWISH

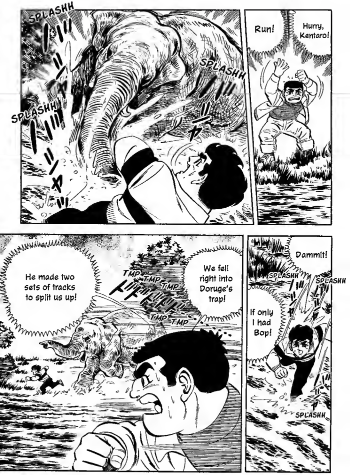

DASH
ぴた!
STOP
Elephant footprints!
Let's follow the tracks, Takeshi!

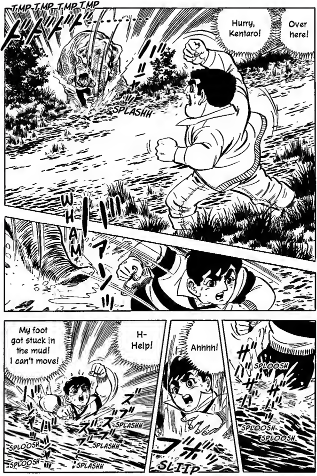

What's going on?!
It's like the elephant split in half!
There's no way!
Let's transform back.
キイ FLASSHH ン
キュン KII
キュン KII
キュン KII
キュン KII
キュン KII
キュン…… KIII

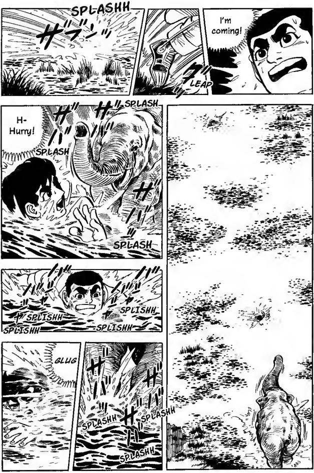

Be careful, Kentaro!
You too!
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE

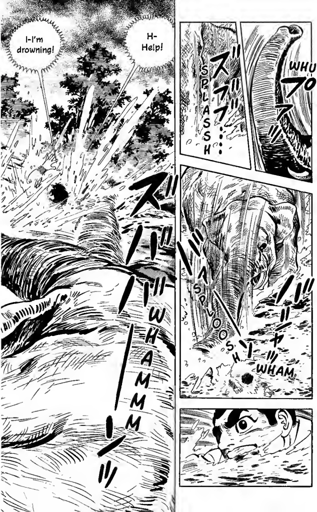

……
RUSH
ROAARR
Whoa!
So this was your plan all along!
WHACK
ROAARR

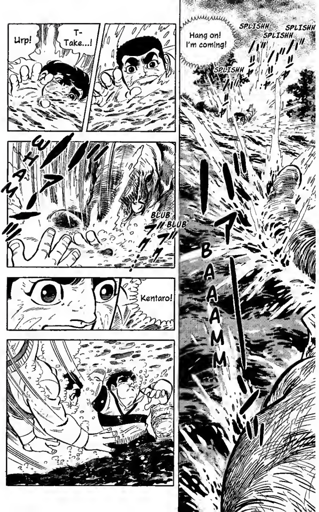

FLING
SPLASHH
Ughhh...
SPLISH

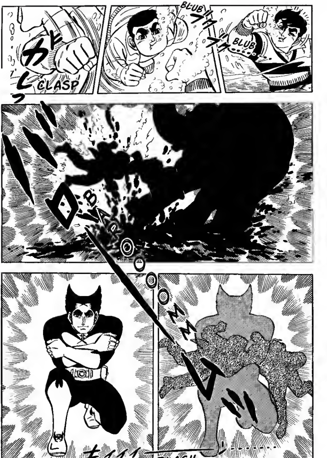

Hurry, Kentaro!
Run!
SPLASHH
SPLASHH
SPLASHH
Dammit!
SPLASHH
SPLASHH
If only I had Bop!
SPLASHH
We fell right into Doruge's trap!
TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP TMP
He made two sets of tracks to split us up!

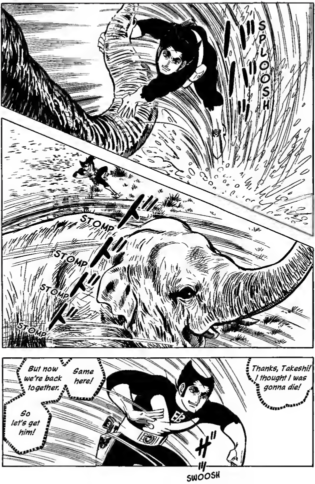

Over here!
Hurry, Kentaro!
TMP TMP TMP TMP
SPLASHH
WHAM
SPLOOSH
SPLOOSH
SPLOOSH
Ahhhh!
SLIIP
H- Help!
My foot got stuck in the mud! I can't move!
SPLASHH
SPLASHH
SPLASHH
SPLOOSH
SPLOOSH

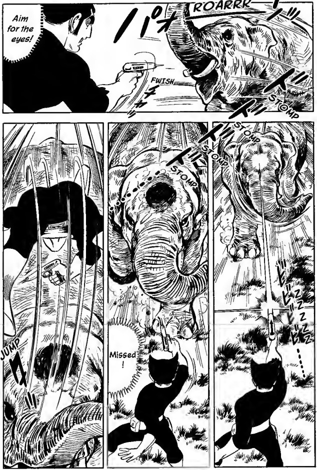

I'm coming!
ダッ
LEAP
ザブン
SPLASHH
H-Hurry!
ザバ
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLISHH
SPLISHH
SPLISHH
SPLISHH
SPLASHH
SPLASHH
SPLASHH
GLUG

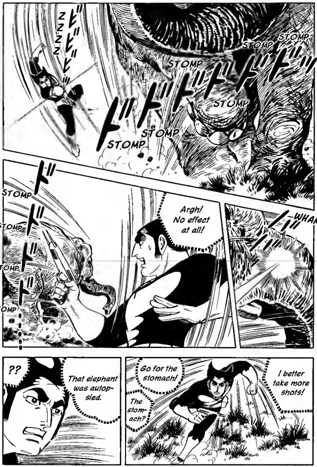

WHUU
SPLASH
SPLOOSH
WHAM
H-Help!
I-I'm drowning!
WHAMMM

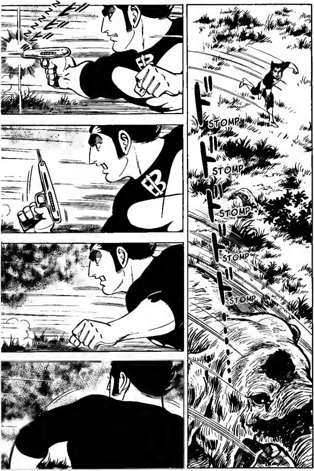

Urp!
T-Take...!
WHAM
BLUB
BLUB
Kentaro!
Hang on! I'm coming!
SPLISHH
SPLISHH
SPLISHH
SPLISHH
BAAAMM

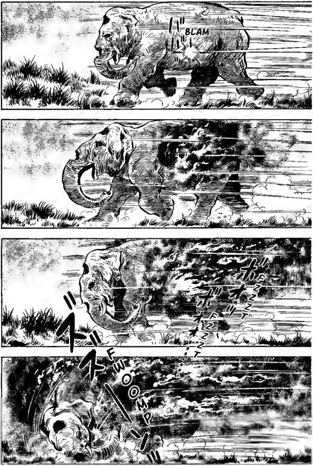

ガしっ
CLASP
ブク
BLUB
ブク
BLUB
ドバオオオオン
BAROOOMM
キイイイ
FLASH

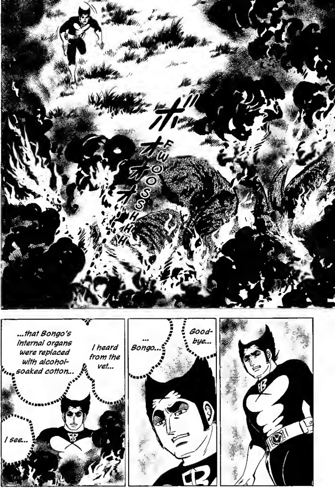

SPLOOSH
ド" STOMP
ド" STOMP
ド" STOMP
ド" STOMP
Thanks, Takeshi! I thought I was gonna die!
Same here!
But now we're back together.
So let's get him!
ザ" SWOOSH

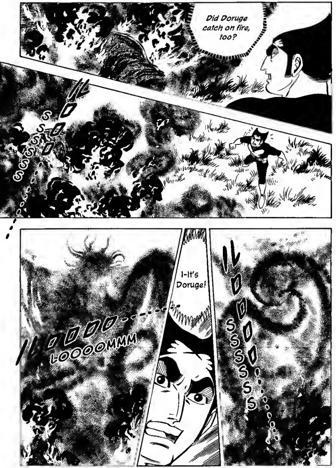

Aim for the eyes!
ROARRR
FWISH
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
JUMP
Missed!
ZZZZZ

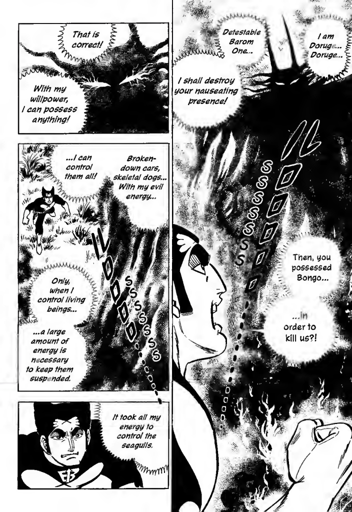

Z Z Z Z
ドドド
STOMP STOMP STOMP STOMP STOMP STOMP
ドドドドドド
STOMP STOMP STOMP STOMP
ドドドド
Argh! No effect at all!
WHAMM
??
That elephant was autopsied.
Go for the stomach!
The stomach?
I better take more shots!

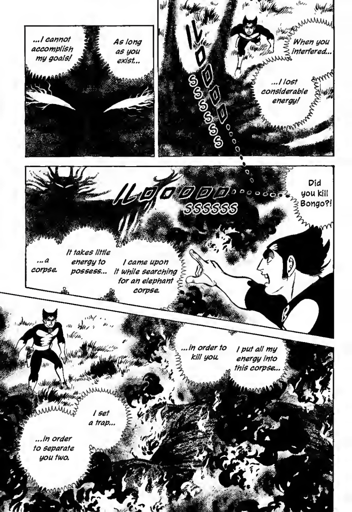

ド ド ド ド ド……
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
ビビビ
ZZZZZZZ

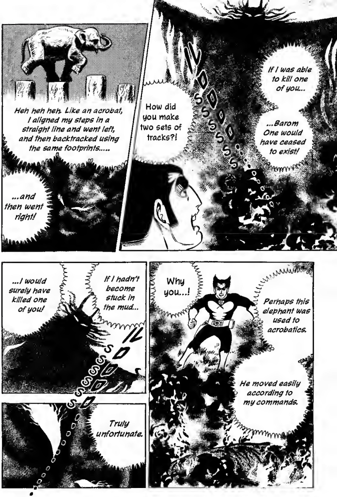

BLAM
ボォッ
FZZZT
ボォォォ…
FZZZZT
ズズーン
FWOOMP

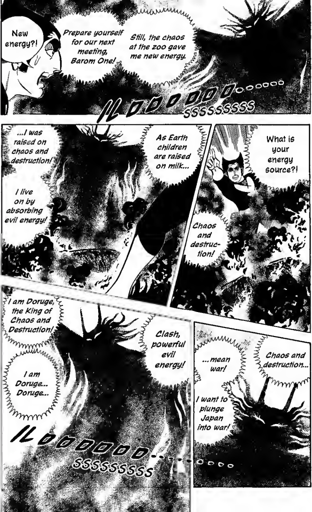

ボォォォ
WHOOSSHHH
Good-bye...
...Bongo...
I heard from the vet...
...that Bongo's internal organs were replaced with alcohol-soaked cotton...
I see...

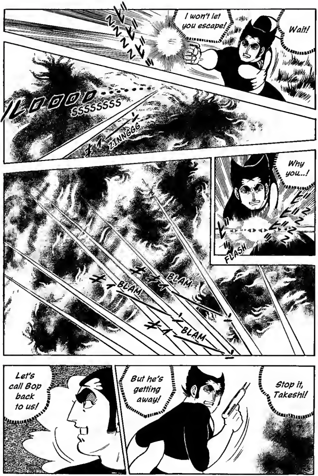

Did Doruge catch on fire, too?
SSSSSS
SSSSSS
I-It's Doruge!
LOOOOMMM

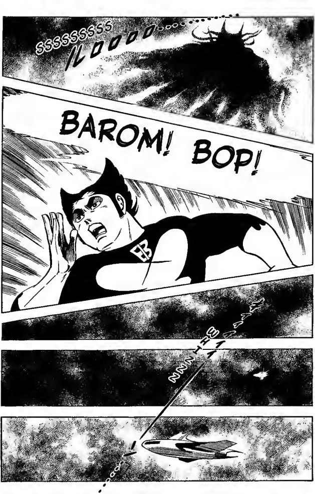

I am Doruge... Doruge...
Detestable Barom One...
I shall destroy your nauseating presence!
SSSSSSS
Then, you possessed Bongo...
...in order to kill us?!
That is correct!
With my willpower, I can possess anything!
Broken-down cars, skeletal dogs... With my evil energy...
...I can control them all!
SSSSSS
Only, when I control living beings...
...a large amount of energy is necessary to keep them suspended.
It took all my energy to control the seagulls.

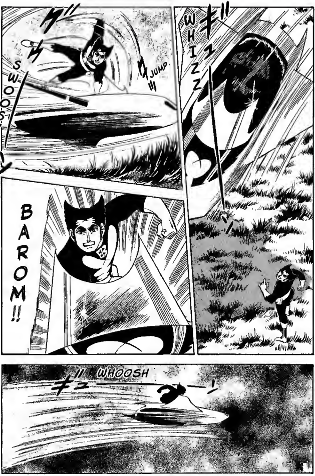

When you interfered...
...I lost considerable energy!
ルOOOOO
SSSSSS
As long as you exist...
...I cannot accomplish my goals!
Did you kill Bongo?!
ルOOOOOO
SSSSSS
I came upon it while searching for an elephant corpse.
It takes little energy to possess...
...a corpse.
I put all my energy into this corpse...
...in order to kill you.
I set a trap...
...in order to separate you two.

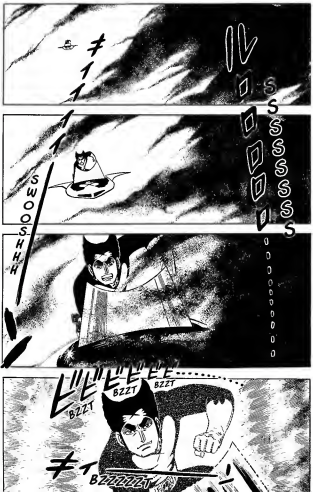

How did you make two sets of tracks?!
Heh heh heh. Like an acrobat, I aligned my steps in a straight line and went left, and then backtracked using the same footprints.....
...and then went right!
If I was able to kill one of you...
...Barom One would have ceased to exist!
If I hadn't become stuck in the mud...
...I would surely have killed one of you!
Truly unfortunate.
Why you...!
Perhaps this elephant was used to acrobatics.
He moved easily according to my commands.

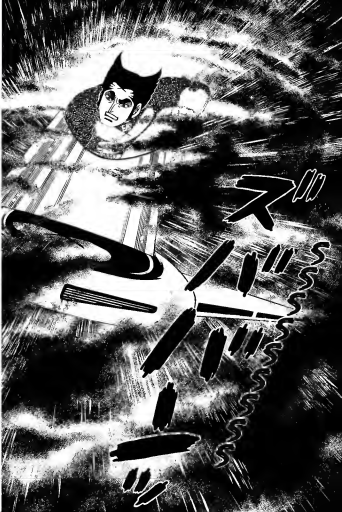

Still, the chaos at the zoo gave me new energy.
Prepare yourself for our next meeting, Barom One!
New energy?!
ILOOOOOOOooooo
SSSSSSSS
What is your energy source?!
Chaos and destruction!
As Earth children are raised on milk...
...I was raised on chaos and destruction!
I live on by absorbing evil energy!
Chaos and destruction...
...mean war!
I want to plunge Japan into war!
Clash, powerful evil energy!
I am Doruge, the King of Chaos and Destruction!
I am Doruge... Doruge...
ILOOOOOOO....oooo
SSSSSSSSS


Wait!
I won't let you escape!
SSSSSSSS
ZINNGGG
Why you...!
FLASH
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
Stop it, Takeshi!
But he's getting away!
Let's call Bop back to us!

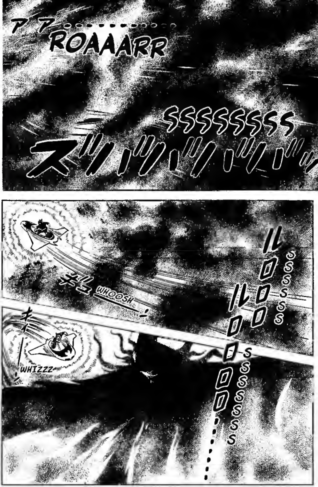

SSSSSSSSS
BAROM! BOP!
WHIZNNN

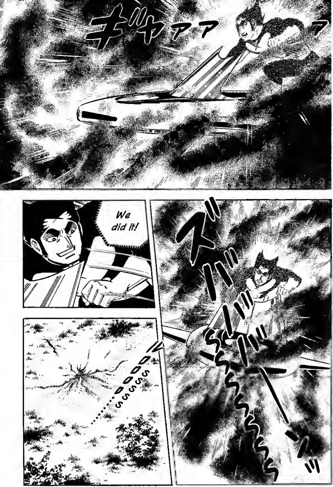

WHIZZ
SWOOSH
JUMP
BAROM!!
WHOOSH

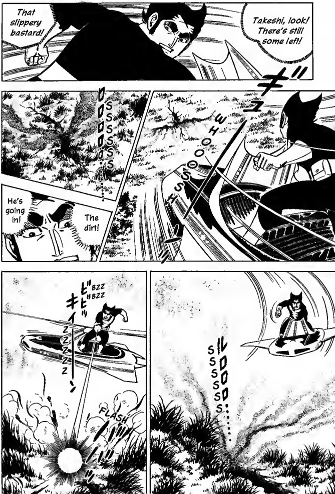

ルロロロロ
SSSSSSSSSS
キイイイイイ
SWOOSHHH
ビビビビビビ……
BZZT
BZZT
BZZT
キィ
BZZZZZZT

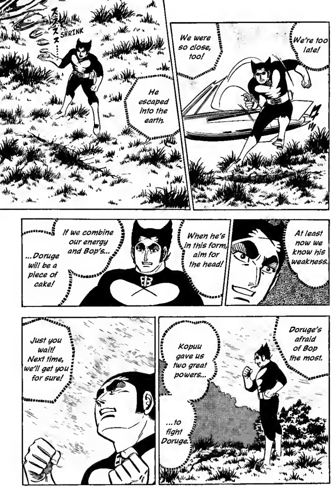

ズバーバーッ
SSSSSSSSSSSS

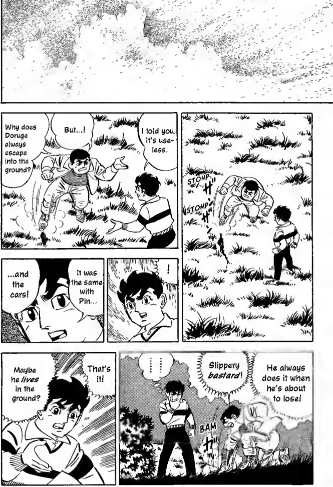
ギャアアー!!
ROAAARRR

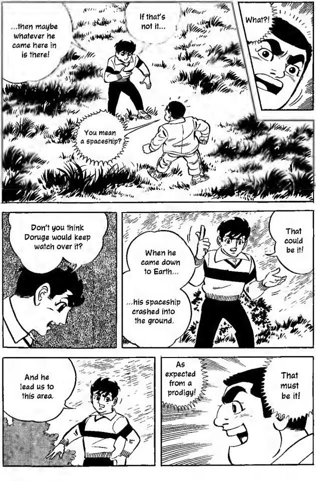

アア………
ROAAARR
ズッバッバッバッバッ
SSSSSSSSS
ルロロロ
SSSSSS
ギュ
WHOOSH
ルロロロロ……
SSSSSSSSS
キイー
WHIZZZ

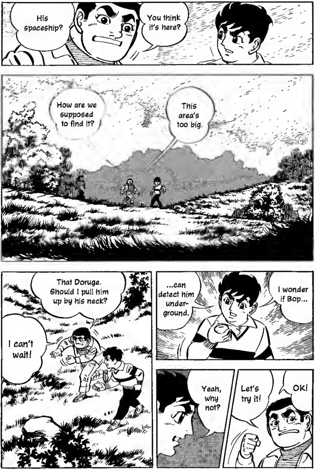

ギャアアア
ア
We did it!
ズババババーッ
SSSSSSSS
ルロロロロ……
SSSSS

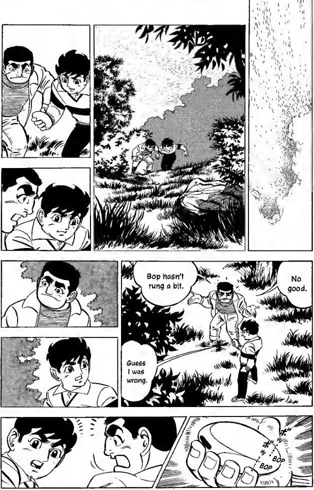

Takeshi, look! There's still some left!
That slippery bastard!
ギュ
WHOOOSSH
SSSSSS......
The dirt!
He's going in!
SSSSSS......
ビビッ BZZ BZZ
キイ
ZZZZZZ
FLASH

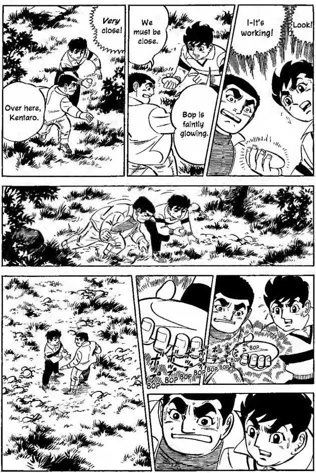

We're too late!
We were so close, too!
SHRINK
He escaped into the earth.
At least now we know his weakness.
When he's in this form, aim for the head!
If we combine our energy and Bop's...
...Doruge will be a piece of cake!
Doruge's afraid of Bop the most.
Kopuu gave us two great powers...
...to fight Doruge.
Just you wait! Next time, we'll get you for sure!

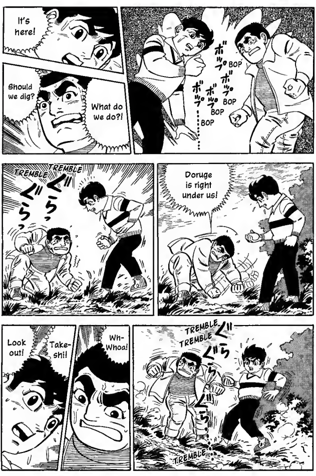

STOMP ザ
STOMP ザ
I told you. It's useless.
But...!
Why does Doruge always escape into the ground?
!
It was the same with Pin...
...and the cars!
He always does it when he's about to lose!
Slippery *bastard*!
...
BAM ガ
That's it!
Maybe he *lives* in the ground?

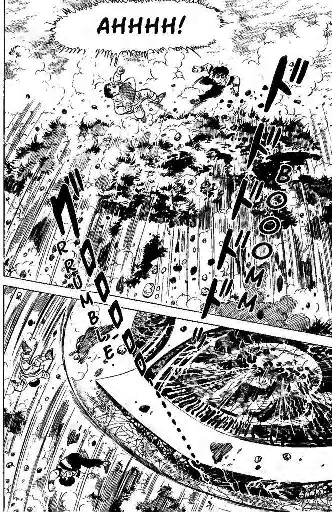

If that's not it...
...then maybe whatever he came here in is there!
What?!
You mean a spaceship?
Don't you think Doruge would keep watch over it?
When he came down to Earth...
...his spaceship crashed into the ground.
That could be it!
And he lead us to this area.
As expected from a prodigy!
That must be it!

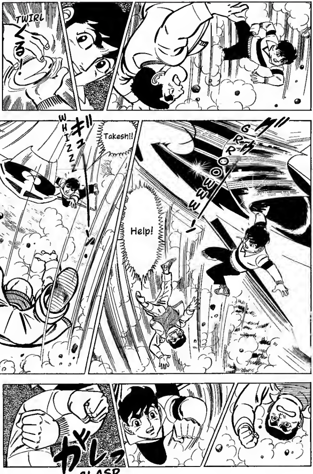

His spaceship?
You think it's here?
This area's too big.
How are we supposed to find it?
I wonder if Bop...
...can detect him underground.
Yeah, why not?
Let's try it!
OK!
That Doruge. Should I pull him up by his neck?
I can't wait!

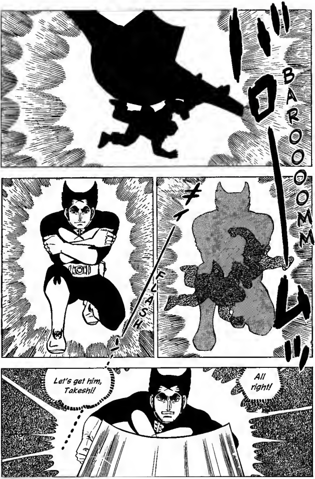

No good.
Bop hasn't rung a bit.
Guess I was wrong.
ボッ
ボッ
BOP
BOP

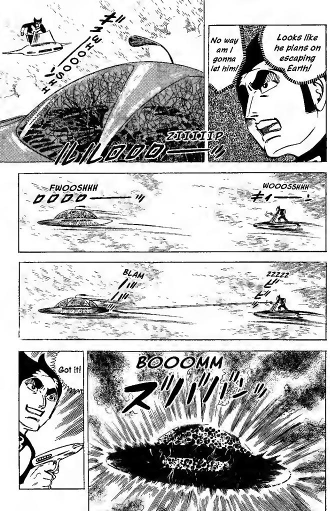

Very close!
Over here, Kentaro.
We must be close.
Bop is faintly glowing.
I-It's working!
Look!
BOP BOP BOP BOP BOP BOP BOP BOP

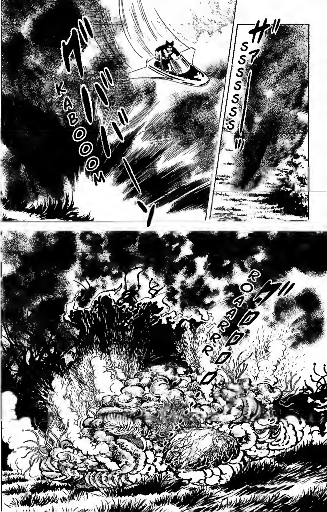

It's here!
Should we dig?
What do we do?!
ボップ BOP
ボップ BOP
ボップ BOP
ボップ…… BOP
TREMBLE TREMBLE
ぐらぐら
Doruge is right under us!
Look out!
Take-shi!
Wh-Whoa!
TREMBLE TREMBLE
ぐらぐらぐら
TREMBLE

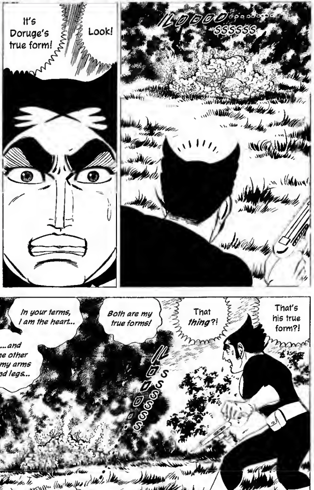

AHHHH!
ドドドドド
BOOOMM
グ
RRUMBLE

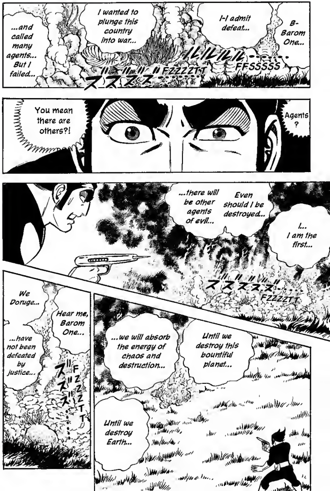

TWIRL
くる
GRROWWW
Help!
Takeshi!
WHIZZZ
ギュ
がしっ
CLASP

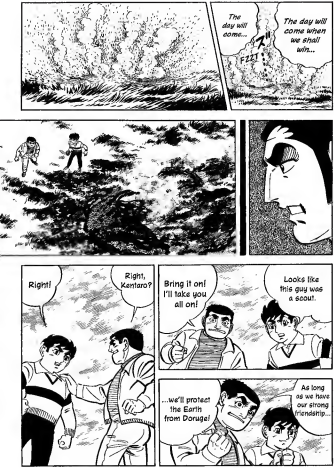

ドロームッ
BAROOOOMM
キィ
FLASH
Let's get him, Takeshi!
All right!

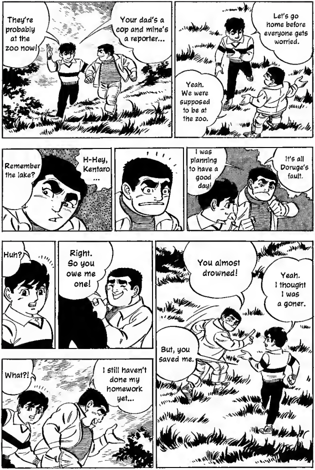

Looks like he plans on escaping Earth!
No way am I gonna let him!
WHOOOOSH
ZIIIIIP
ルルロロロー
WOOOSSHHH
キィー！
FWOOSHHH
ロロロロー
ZZZZZ
ビビ
BLAM
BOOOMM
ズババン
Got it!

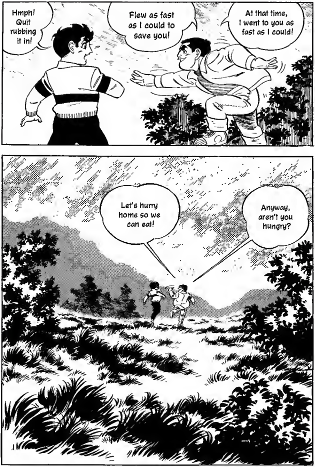

ザァーッ
SSSSSSSS
グババーン
KABOOOM
ゴロロロロ…
ROAARRR


ルロロロロ……
SSSSSS
Look!
It's Doruge's true form!
That's his true form?!
That thing?!
ルロロロ
SSSSSSS
Both are my true forms!
In your terms, I am the heart...
...and the other is my arms and legs...


B-Barom One...
I-I admit defeat...
I wanted to plunge this country into war...
...and called many agents... But I failed...
ルルルル FFSSSSS
ズズズズ FZZZZTT
Agents?
You mean there are others?!
I... I am the first...
Even should I be destroyed...
...there will be other agents of evil...
ズズズズズ FZZZZTT
Hear me, Barom One...
We Doruge...
...have not been defeated by justice...
ズズズ FZZZTT
Until we destroy this bountiful planet...
...we will absorb the energy of chaos and destruction...
Until we destroy Earth...


The day will come when we shall win...
The day will come...
ズ
FZZT
Looks like this guy was a scout.
Bring it on! I'll take you all on!
As long as we have our strong friendship...
...we'll protect the Earth from Doruge!
Right, Kentaro?
Right!


Let's go home before everyone gets worried.
Yeah. We were supposed to be at the zoo.
Your dad's a cop and mine's a reporter...
They're probably at the zoo now!
It's all Doruge's fault.
I was planning to have a good day!
H-Hey, Kentaro ...
Remember the lake?
You almost drowned!
Yeah. I thought I was a goner.
But, you saved me.
Right. So you owe me one!
Huh?
I still haven't done my homework yet...
What?!


At that time, I went to you as fast as I could!
Flew as fast as I could to save you!
Hmph! Quit rubbing it in!
Anyway, aren't you hungry?
Let's hurry home so we can eat!

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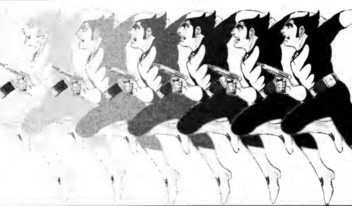
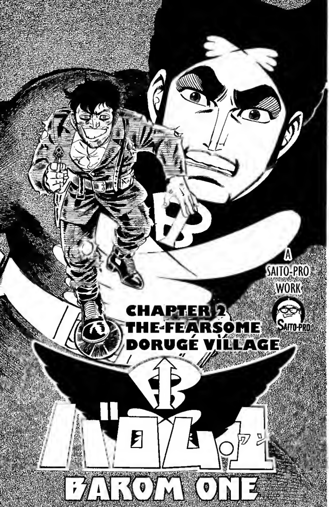


BAROM ONE
バロム・1



CHAPTER 2
THE FEARSOME DORUGÉ VILLAGE

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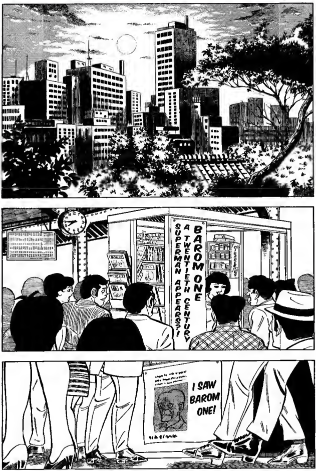
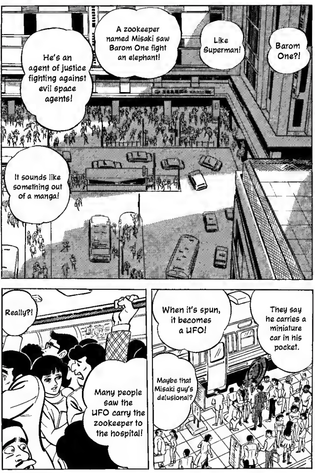
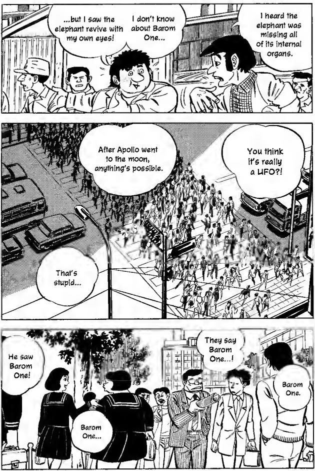
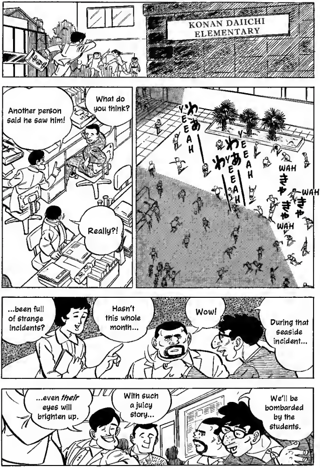
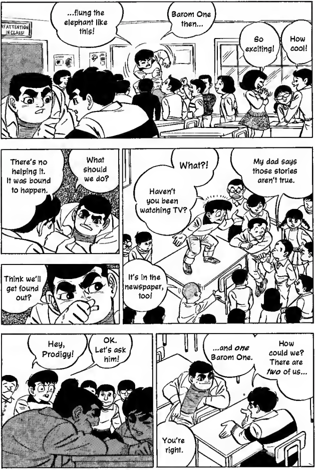
BAROM ONE

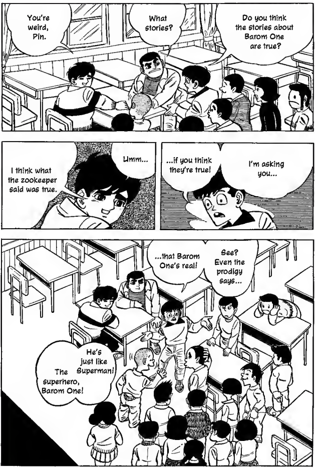

BAROM ONE
A TWENTIETH CENTURY
SUPERMAN APPEARS?!
CIGARETTES
I SAW BAROM ONE!

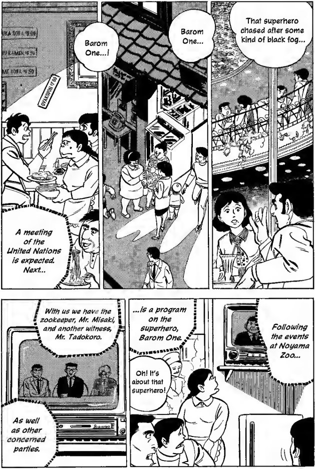

Barom One?!
Like Superman!
A zookeeper named Misaki saw Barom One fight an elephant!
He's an agent of justice fighting against evil space agents!
It sounds like something out of a manga!
They say he carries a miniature car in his pocket.
When it's spun, it becomes a UFO!
Maybe that Misaki guy's delusional?
Really?!
Many people saw the UFO carry the zookeeper to the hospital!

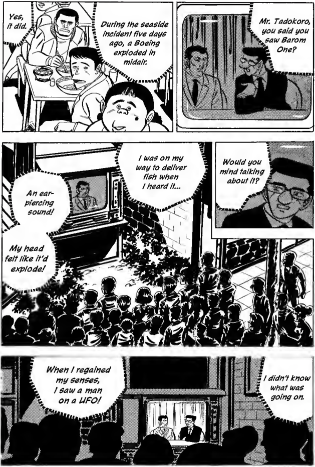

I heard the elephant was missing all of its internal organs.
I don't know about Barom One...
...but I saw the elephant revive with my own eyes!
You think it's really a UFO?!
After Apollo went to the moon, anything's possible.
That's stupid...
Barom One.
They say Barom One...!
He saw Barom One!
Barom One...

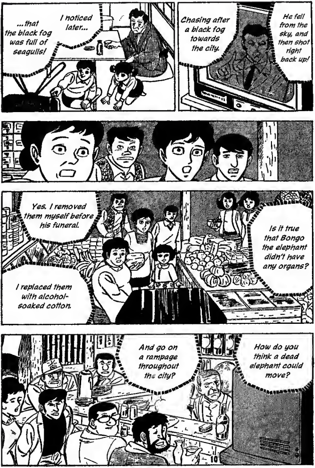

KONAN DAIICHI ELEMENTARY
わあ YEAH
わあ YEAH
きゃ WAH
きゃ WAH
What do you think?
Another person said he saw him!
Really?!
During that seaside incident...
Wow!
Hasn't this whole month...
...been full of strange incidents?
We'll be bombarded by the students.
With such a juicy story...
...even *their* eyes will brighten up.

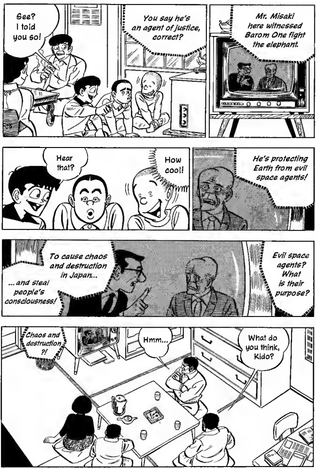

AY ATTENTION IN CLASS!
...flung the elephant like this!
Barom One then...
So exciting!
How cool!
There's no helping it. It was bound to happen.
What should we do?
What?!
Haven't you been watching TV?
My dad says those stories aren't true.
Think we'll get found out?
It's in the newspaper, too!
Hey, Prodigy!
OK. Let's ask him!
...and *one* Barom One.
How could we? There are *two* of us...
You're right.

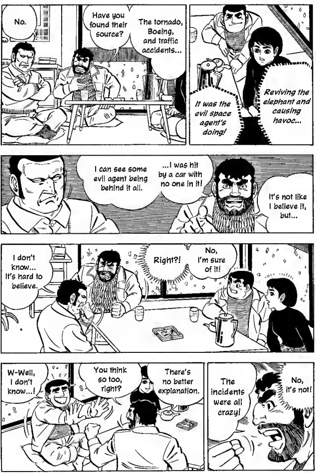

Do you think the stories about Barom One are true?
What stories?
You're weird, Pin.
I'm asking you...
...if you think they're true!
Umm...
I think what the zookeeper said was true.
See? Even the prodigy says...
...that Barom One's real!
He's just like Superman!
The superhero, Barom One!

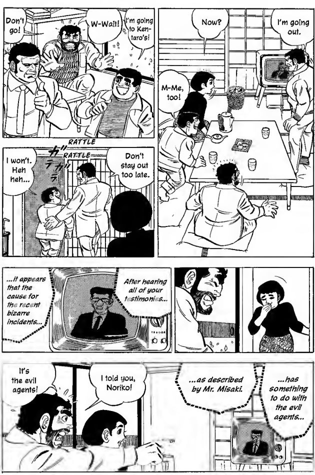

That superhero chased after some kind of black fog...
Barom One...
Barom One...!
A meeting of the United Nations is expected. Next...
Following the events at Noyama Zoo...
...is a program on the superhero, Barom One.
Oh! It's about that superhero!
With us we have the zookeeper, Mr. Misaki, and another witness, Mr. Tadokoro.
As well as other concerned parties.

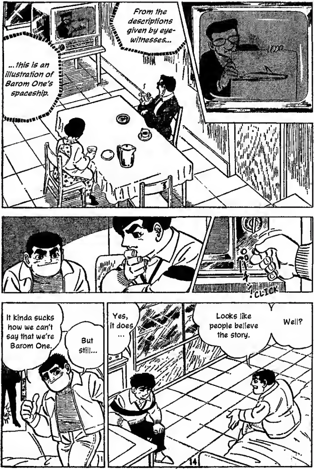

During the seaside incident five days ago, a Boeing exploded in midair.
Yes, it did.
Mr. Tadokoro, you said you saw Barom One?
Would you mind talking about it?
I was on my way to deliver fish when I heard it...
An ear-piercing sound!
My head felt like it'd explode!
When I regained my senses, I saw a man on a UFO!
I didn't know what was going on.

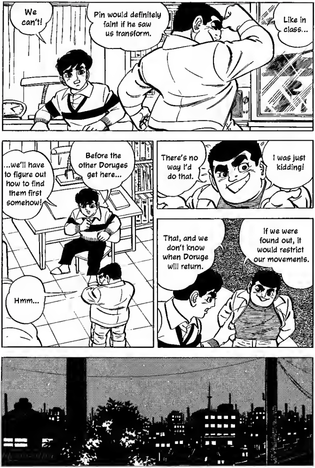

He fell from the sky, and then shot right back up!
Chasing after a black fog towards the city.
I noticed later...
...that the black fog was full of seagulls!
Is it true that Bongo the elephant didn't have any organs?
Yes. I removed them myself before his funeral.
I replaced them with alcohol-soaked cotton.
How do you think a dead elephant could move?
And go on a rampage throughout the city?

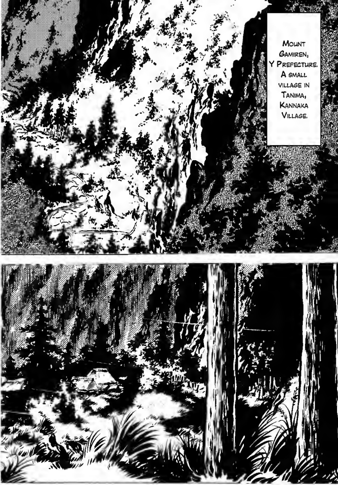

Mr. Misaki here witnessed Barom One fight the elephant.
You say he's an agent of justice, correct?
See? I told you so!
He's protecting Earth from evil space agents!
How cool!
Hear that?
Evil space agents? What is their purpose?
To cause chaos and destruction in Japan...
...and steal people's consciousness!
What do you think, Kido?
Hmm...
Chaos and destruction?!

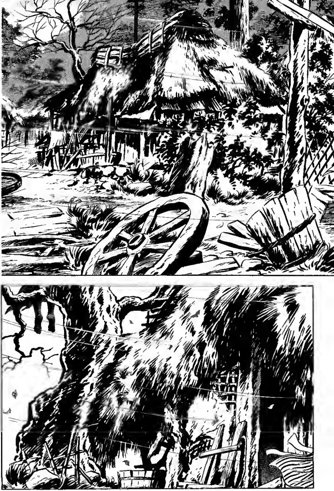

Reviving the elephant and causing havoc...
It was the evil space agent's doing!
The tornado, Boeing, and traffic accidents...
Have you found their source?
No.
It's not like I believe it, but...
...I was hit by a car with no one in it!
I can see some evil agent being behind it all.
No, I'm sure of it!
Right?!
I don't know... It's hard to believe.
No, it's not!
The incidents were all crazy!
There's no better explanation.
You think so too, right?
W-Well, I don't know...!

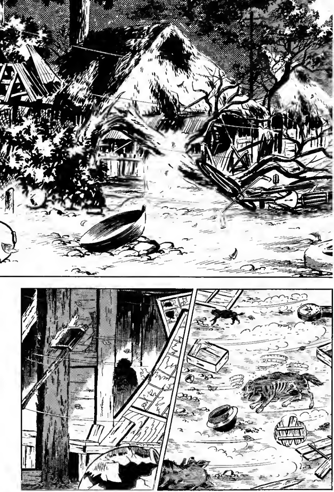

I'm going out.
Now?
M-Me, too!
I'm going to Kentaro's!
W-Wait!
Don't go!
Don't stay out too late.
RATTLE
ガラ
RATTLE
ガラ
I won't. Heh heh...
After hearing all of your testimonies...
...it appears that the cause for the recent bizarre incidents...
...has something to do with the evil agents...
...as described by Mr. Misaki.
I told you, Noriko!
It's the evil agents!

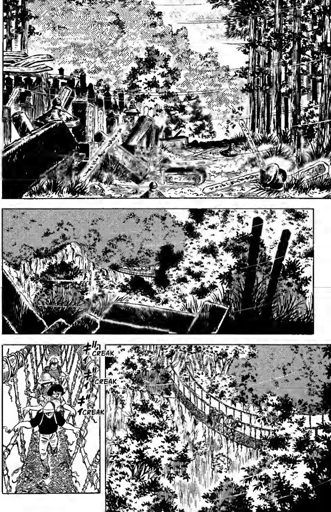

From the descriptions given by eye-witnesses...
...this is an illustration of Barom One's spaceship.
!CLICK
Well?
Looks like people believe the story.
Yes, it does ...
But still...
It kinda sucks how we can't say that we're Barom One.


Like in class...
Pin would definitely faint if he saw us transform.
We can't!
I was just kidding!
There's no way I'd do that.
If we were found out, it would restrict our movements.
That, and we don't know when Doruge will return.
Before the other Doruges get here...
...we'll have to figure out how to find them first somehow!
Hmm...


Mount Gamiren, Y Prefecture. A small village in Tanima, Kannaka Village.



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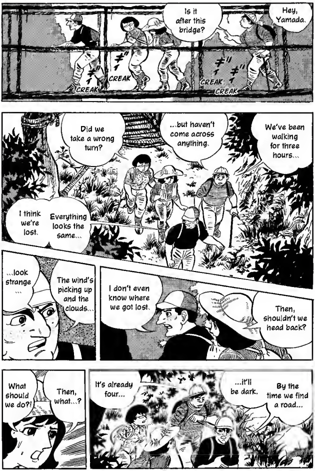
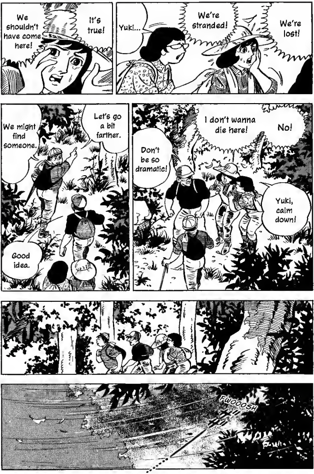
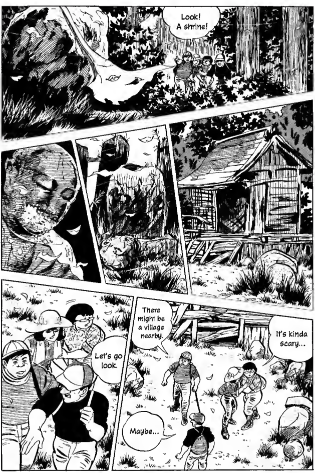
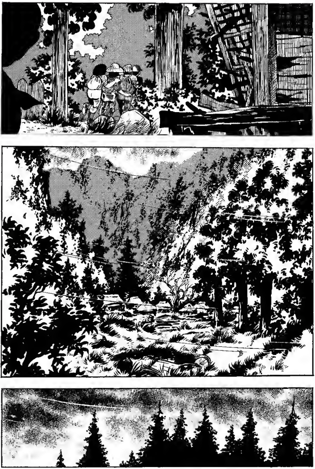
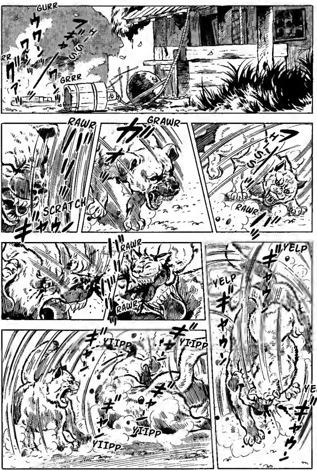

Hey, Yamada.
Is it after this bridge?
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
We've been walking for three hours...
...but haven't come across anything.
Did we take a wrong turn?
Everything looks the same...
I think we're lost.
Then, shouldn't we head back?
I don't even know where we got lost.
The wind's picking up and the clouds...
...look strange...
By the time we find a road...
...it'll be dark.
It's already four...
Then, what...?
What should we do?!


We shouldn't have come here!
It's true!
Yuki...
We're stranded!
We're lost!
We might find someone.
Let's go a bit farther.
Good idea.
Don't be so dramatic!
I don't wanna die here!
No!
Yuki, calm down!
FWOOOSH


Look! A shrine!
Let's go look.
There might be a village nearby.
It's kinda scary...
Maybe...

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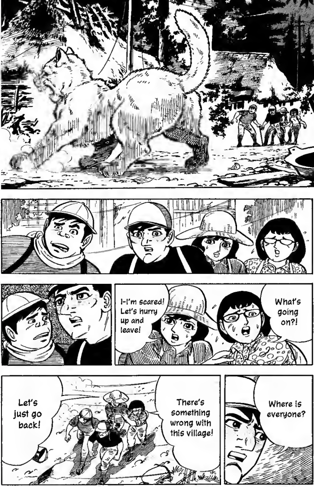
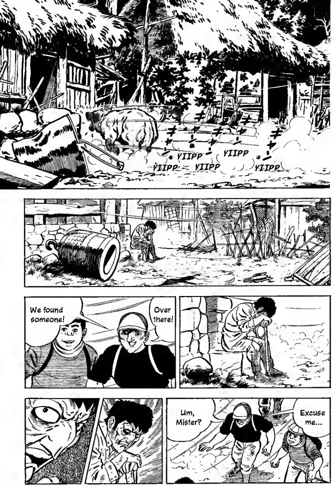

What's going on?!
I-I'm scared! Let's hurry up and leave!
Where is everyone?
There's something wrong with this village!
Let's just go back!


YIIPP
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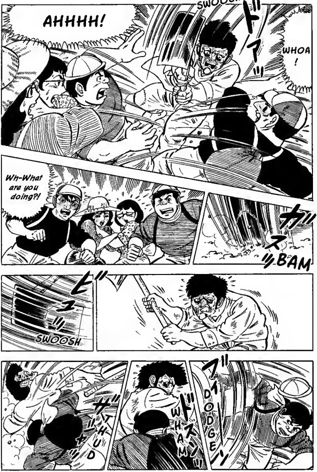
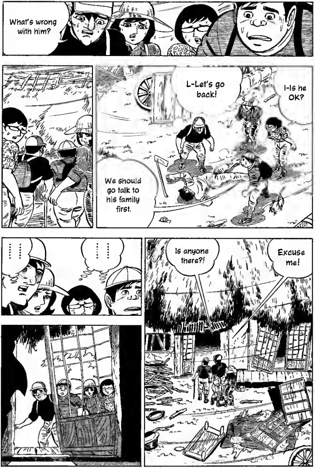
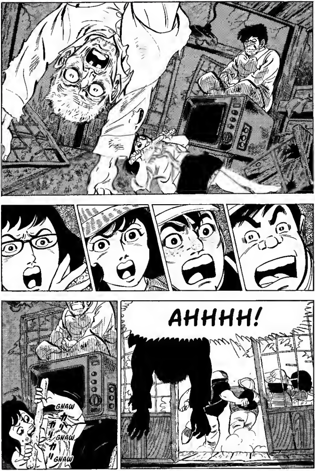
We found someone!
Over there!
Um, Mister?
Excuse me...


WHOA!
ドァッ
SWOOSH
AHHHH!
ガッ
ズッ
BAM
Wn-What are you doing?!
ビュッ
SWOOSH
ブイーン
DODGE
ドズン
WHAM
ザッ
THUD


What's wrong with him?
I-Is he OK?
L-Let's go back!
We should go talk to his family first.
Excuse me!
Is anyone there?!
…
…


AHHHH!
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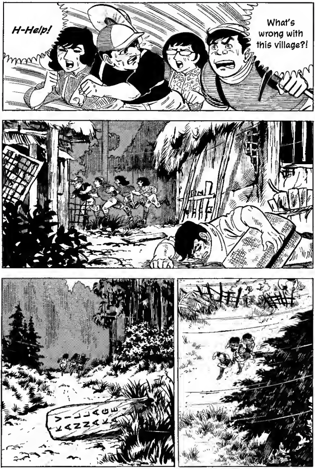
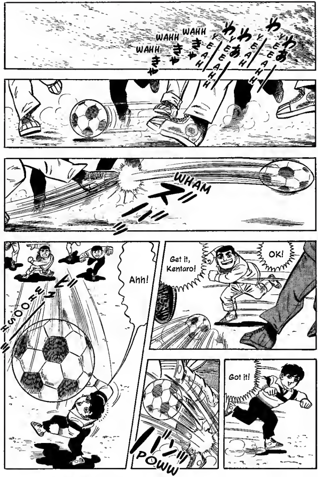

H-Help!
What's wrong with this village?!
VILLAGE
KANNAKA


WAHH
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YEAH
YEAH
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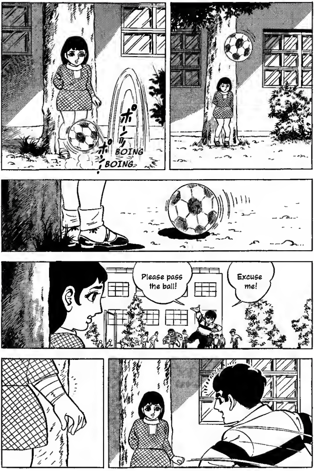
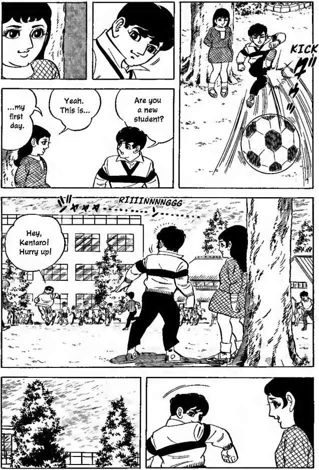
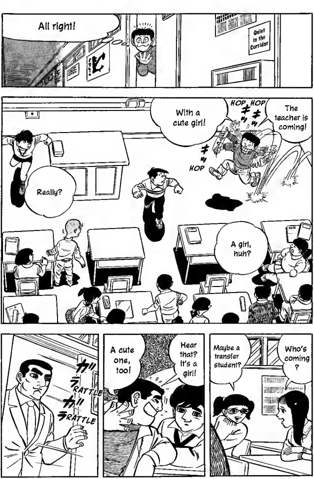
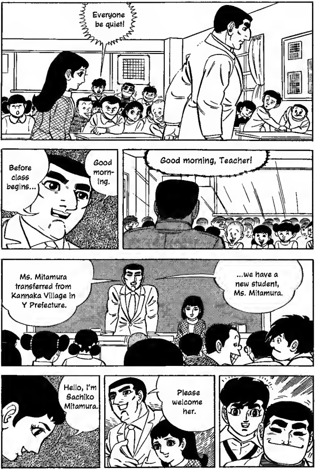
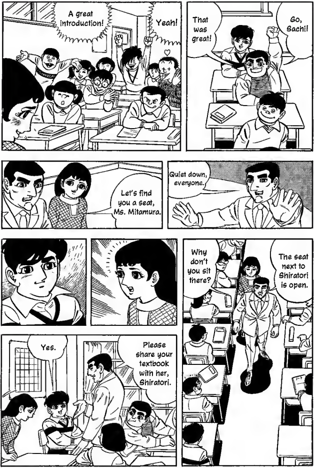
WHAM
SHOOM
Ahh!
Get it, Kentaro!
OK!
POWW
Got it!

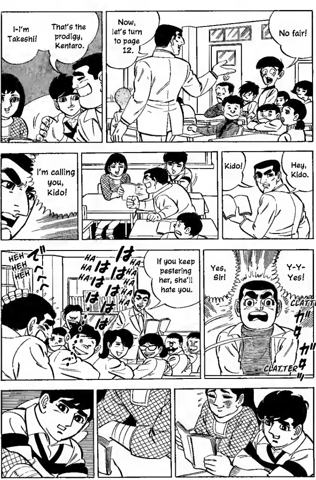

ポーン
BOING
ポン!
BOING
Excuse me!
Please pass the ball!


KICK
Are you a new student?
Yeah. This is...
...my first day.
RIIIINNNNGGG
Hey, Kentaro! Hurry up!


Quiet in the Corridor
All right!
The teacher is coming!
HOP HOP
HOP
With a cute girl!
Really?
A girl, huh?
Who's coming?
Maybe a transfer student?
Hear that? It's a girl!
A cute one, too!
RATTLE
RATTLE


Everyone be quiet!
Good morning, Teacher!
Good morning.
Before class begins...
...we have a new student, Ms. Mitamura.
Ms. Mitamura transferred from Kannaka Village in Y Prefecture.
Please welcome her.
Hello, I'm Sachiko Mitamura.


Go, Sachi!
That was great!
Yeah!
A great introduction!
Quiet down, everyone.
Let's find you a seat, Ms. Mitamura.
The seat next to Shiratori is open.
Why don't you sit there?
Please share your textbook with her, Shiratori.
Yes.


No fair!
Now, let's turn to page 12.
That's the prodigy, Kentaro.
I-I'm Takeshi!
Hey, Kido.
Kido!
I'm calling you, Kido!
Y-Y-Yes!
Yes, Sir!
CLATTER
ガタ
ガタ
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If you keep pestering her, she'll hate you.
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
ははははははは
HEH HEH HEH
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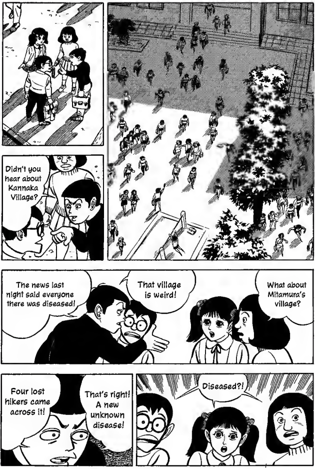
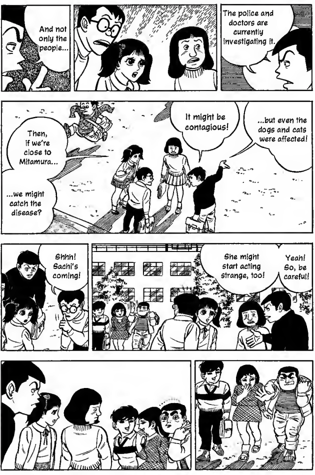
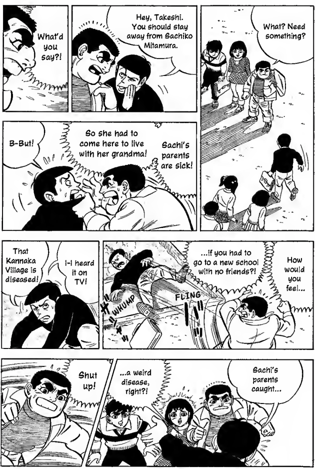
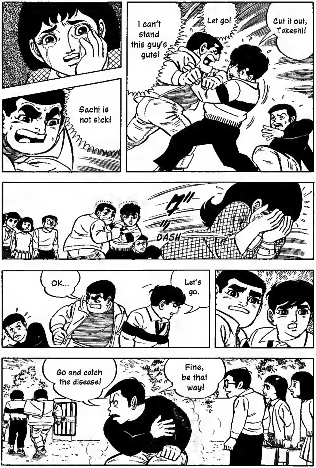
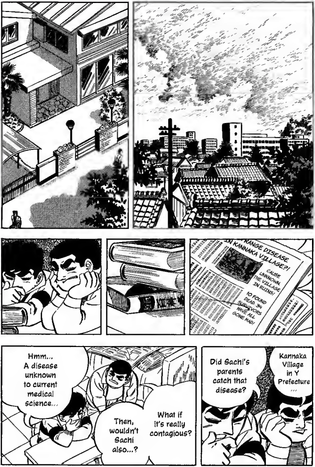
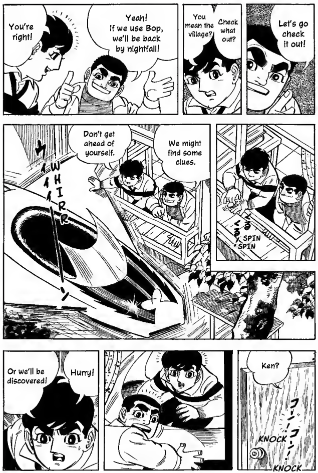

Didn't you hear about Kannaka Village?
The news last night said everyone there was diseased!
That village is weird!
What about Mitamura's village?
Four lost hikers came across it!
That's right! A new unknown disease!
Diseased?!

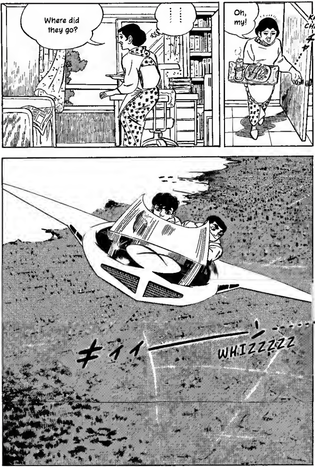

The police and doctors are currently investigating it.
And not only the people...
...but even the dogs and cats were affected!
It might be contagious!
Then, if we're close to Mitamura...
...we might catch the disease?
Yeah! So, be careful!
She might start acting strange, too!
Shhh! Sachi's coming!

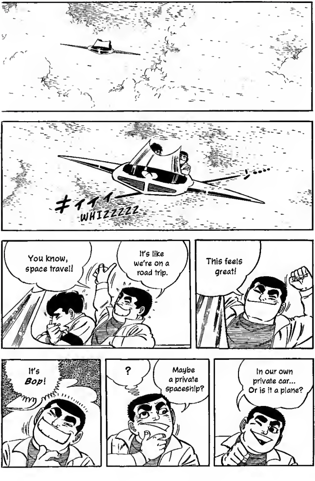

What? Need something?
Hey, Takeshi. You should stay away from Sachiko Mitamura.
What'd you say?!
Sachi's parents are sick!
So she had to come here to live with her grandma!
B-But!
How would you feel...
...if you had to go to a new school with no friends?!
FLING
WHUMP
I-I heard it on TV!
That Kannaka Village is diseased!
Sachi's parents caught...
...a weird disease, right?!
Shut up!

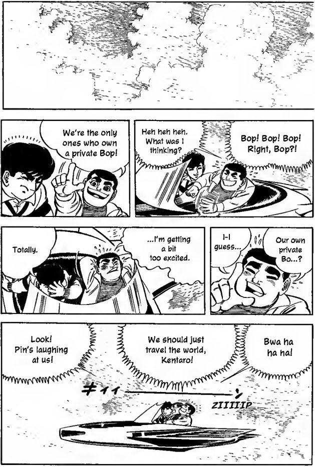

Sachi is not sick!
I can't stand this guy's guts!
Let go!
Cut it out, Takeshi!
DASH
OK...
Let's go.
Go and catch the disease!
Fine, be that way!

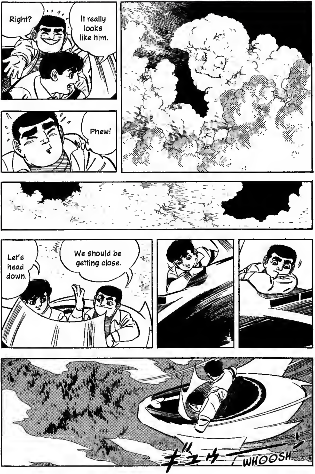

...RANGE DISEASE IN KANNAKA VILLAGE?!
CAUSE UNKNOWN. THE VILLAGE IN RUINS!
10 FOUND DEAD 34 SURVIVORS HAVE ALL GONE MAD!
Kannaka Village in Y Prefecture ...
Did Sachi's parents catch that disease?
Hmm... A disease unknown to current medical science...
What if it's really contagious?
Then, wouldn't Sachi also...?

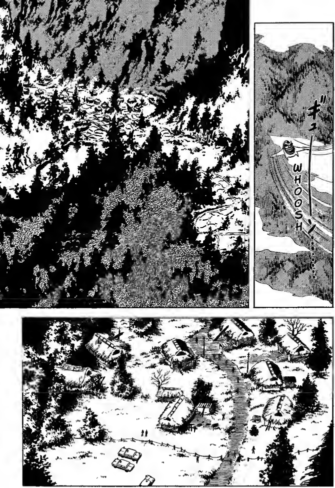

Let's go check it out!
Check what out?
You mean the village?
Yeah! If we use Bop, we'll be back by nightfall!
You're right!
くるくる
SPIN SPIN
We might find some clues.
Don't get ahead of yourself.
ウイイ
WHIRR
Ken?
コン コン
KNOCK KNOCK
Hurry!
Or we'll be discovered!

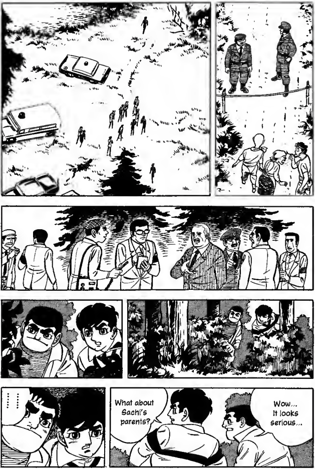

KA-CHAK
Oh, my!
…
Where did they go?
キィイ
WHIZZZZZ


キイイイ
WHIZZZZZ
This feels great!
It's like we're on a road trip.
You know, space travel!
In our own private car... Or is it a plane?
Maybe a private spaceship?
?
It's *Bop*!


Bop! Bop! Bop! Right, Bop?!
Heh heh heh. What was I thinking?
We're the only ones who own a private Bop!
Our own private Bo...?
I-I guess...
...I'm getting a bit too excited.
Totally.
Bwa ha ha ha!
We should just travel the world, Kentaro!
Look! Pin's laughing at us!
キィィ
ZIIIIIP


It really looks like him.
Right?
Phew!
We should be getting close.
Let's head down.
ギュウ
WHOOSH


ギュ―ン……
WHOOSH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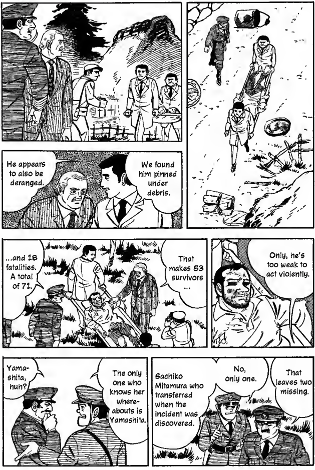
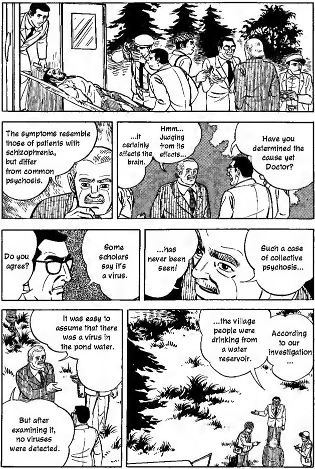
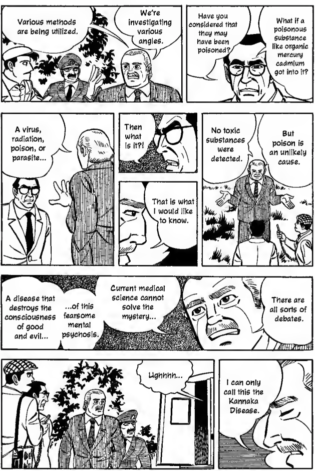
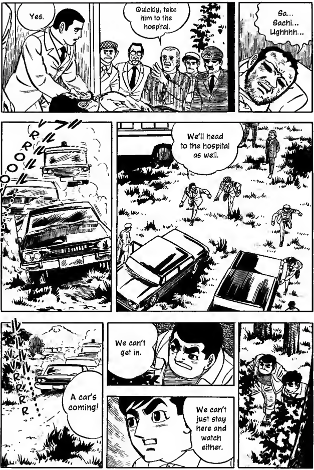
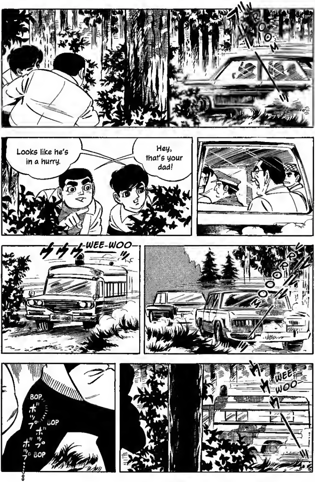
What about Sachi's parents?
Wow... It looks serious...

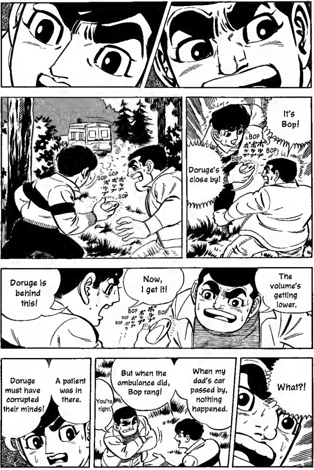

We found him pinned under debris.
He appears to also be deranged.
Only, he's too weak to act violently.
That makes 53 survivors ...
...and 18 fatalities. A total of 71.
That leaves two missing.
No, only one.
Sachiko Mitamura who transferred when the incident was discovered.
The only one who knows her whereabouts is Yamashita.
Yamashita, huh?

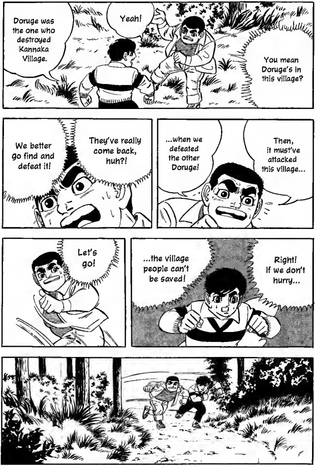

Have you determined the cause yet Doctor?
Hmm... Judging from its effects...
...it certainly affects the brain.
The symptoms resemble those of patients with schizophrenia, but differ from common psychosis.
Such a case of collective psychosis...
...has never been seen!
Some scholars say it's a virus.
Do you agree?
According to our investigation...
...the village people were drinking from a water reservoir.
It was easy to assume that there was a virus in the pond water.
But after examining it, no viruses were detected.

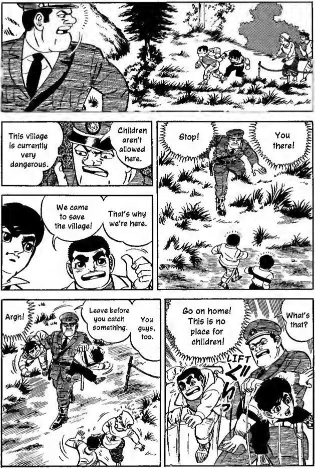

What if a poisonous substance like organic mercury cadmium got into it?
Have you considered that they may have been poisoned?
We're investigating various angles.
Various methods are being utilized.
But poison is an unlikely cause.
No toxic substances were detected.
Then what is it?!
That is what I would like to know.
A virus, radiation, poison, or parasite...
There are all sorts of debates.
Current medical science cannot solve the mystery...
...of this fearsome mental psychosis.
A disease that destroys the consciousness of good and evil...
I can only call this the Kannaka Disease.
Ughhhh...

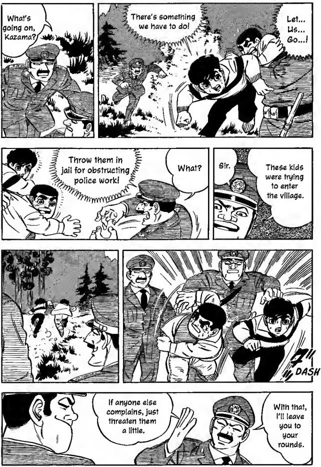

Yes.
Quickly, take him to the hospital.
Sa... Sachi... Ughhhh...
VROOOM...
We'll head to the hospital as well.
VRRRRR...
A car's coming!
We can't get in.
We can't just stay here and watch either.

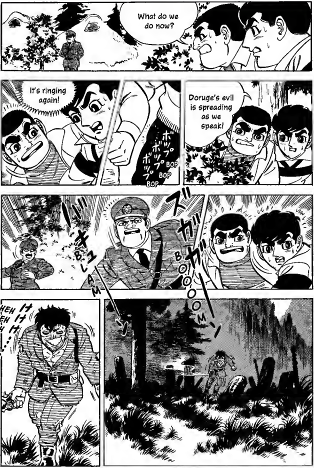

VROOM
Hey, that's your dad!
Looks like he's in a hurry.
VRRROOOM
WEE-WOO
WEE-WOO
BOP
ボップ
BOP
ボップ
ボップ
BOP

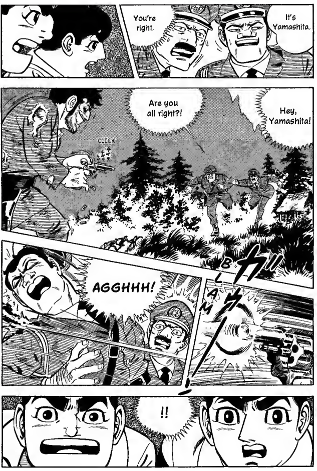

It's Bop!
BOP BOP BOP
Doruge's close by!
BOP BOP BOP
The volume's getting lower.
Now, I get it!
BOP BOP BOP BOP
Doruge is behind this!
What?!
When my dad's car passed by, nothing happened.
But when the ambulance did, Bop rang!
You're right.
A patient was in there.
Doruge must have corrupted their minds!

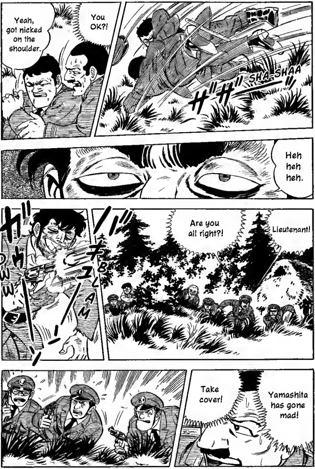

You mean Doruge's in this village?
Yeah!
Doruge was the one who destroyed Kannaka Village.
Then, it must've attacked this village...
...when we defeated the other Doruge!
They've really come back, huh?!
We better go find and defeat it!
Right! If we don't hurry...
...the village people can't be saved!
Let's go!

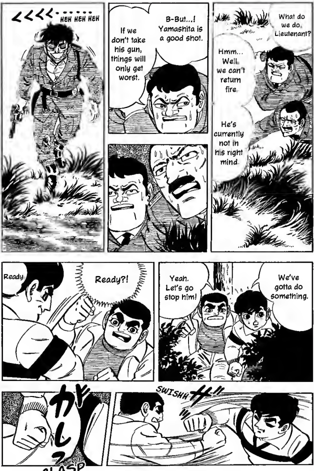

Stop!
You there!
This village is currently very dangerous.
Children aren't allowed here.
We came to save the village!
That's why we're here.
Go on home! This is no place for children!
What's that?
LIFT
Argh!
Leave before you catch something.
You guys, too.

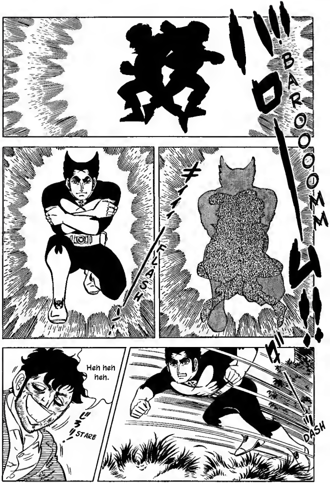

Let...
Us...
Go...!
There's something we have to do!
What's going on, Kazama?
Sir.
These kids were trying to enter the village.
What?
Throw them in jail for obstructing police work!
DASH
With that, I'll leave you to your rounds.
If anyone else complains, just threaten them a little.

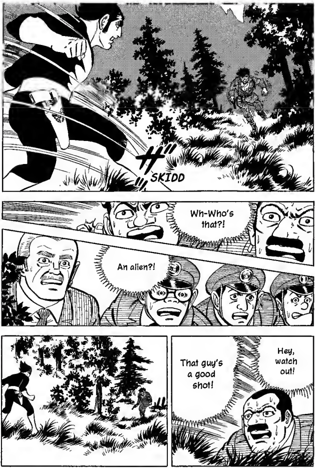

What do we do now?
It's ringing again!
ポップ ポップ ポップ
BOP BOP BOP
Doruge's evil is spreading as we speak!
ドキュー
BLAM
ズガガーン
BOOOOOM
けけけ
HEH HEH HEH

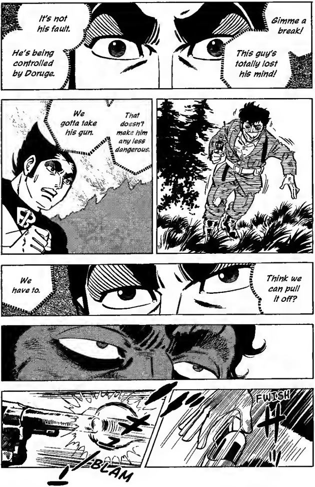

It's Yamashita.
You're right.
Hey, Yamashita!
Are you all right?!
CLICK
BLAM
AGGHHH!
!!

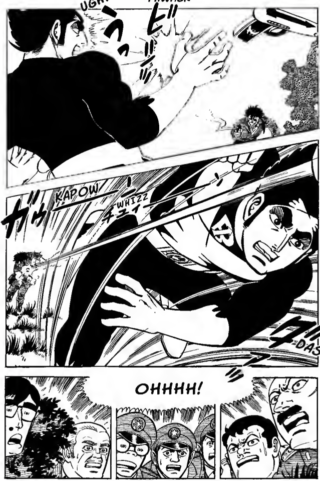

SHA-SHAA
You OK?!
Yeah, got nicked on the shoulder.
Heh heh heh.
Lieutenant!
Are you all right?!
BLAM
POW
Yamashita has gone mad!
Take cover!

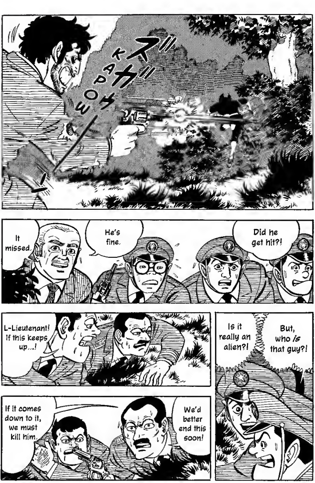

What do we do, Lieutenant?
Hmm... Well we can't return fire.
He's currently not in his right mind.
B-But...! Yamashita is a good shot.
If we don't take his gun, things will only get worse.
くくく...... HEH HEH HEH
We've gotta do something.
Yeah. Let's go stop him!
Ready?!
Ready
SWISHH サッ!!
カシッ CLASP

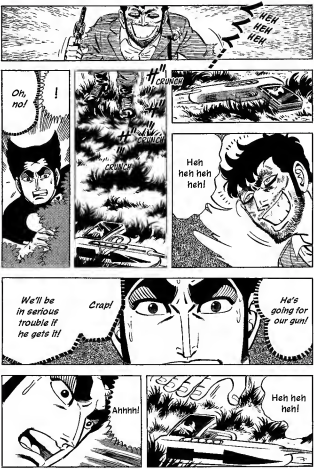

バロ—ム!!
BAROOOOMM
キイイイ—
FLASH
ダッ!!
DASH
Heh heh heh.
じろ!
STARE

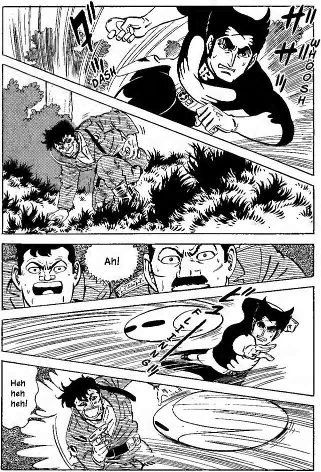

SKIDD
Wh-Who's that?!
An alien?!
Hey, watch out!
That guy's a good shot!

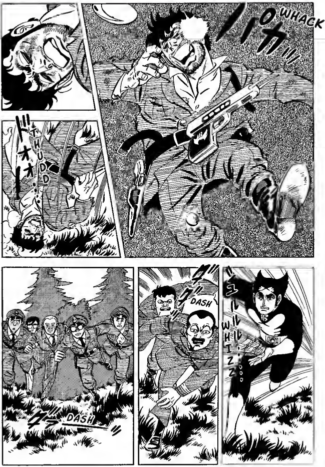

Gimme a break!
This guy's totally lost his mind!
It's not his fault.
He's being controlled by Doruge.
That doesn't make him any less dangerous.
We gotta take his gun.
Think we can pull it off?
We have to.
FWISH
BLAM

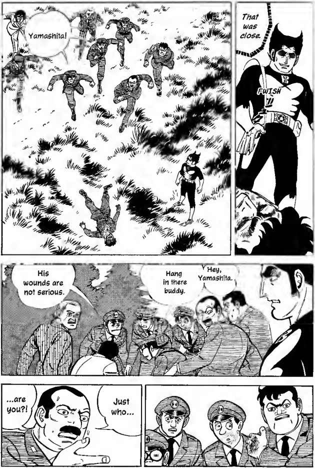

THWACK
ビッ
UGHH
うっ
WHIZZ
チュイ
KAPOW
ガゥ
ダッ
DASH
OHHHH!

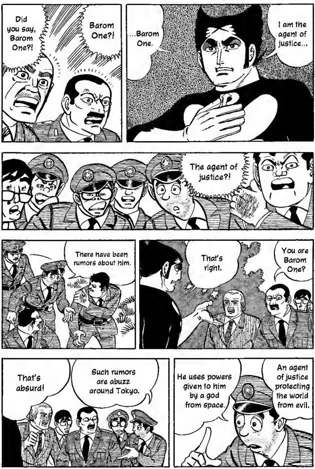

ズガッ
KAPOW
Did he get hit?!
He's fine.
It missed.
But, who *is* that guy?!
Is it really an alien?!
L-Lieutenant! If this keeps up...!
We'd better end this soon!
If it comes down to it, we must kill him.

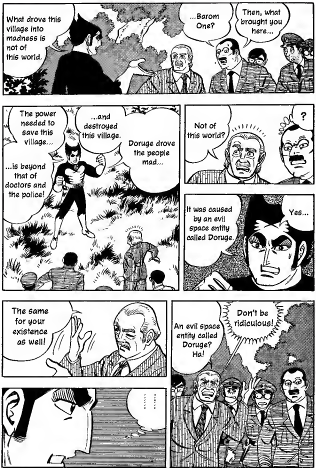

HEH HEH HEH
CRUNCH
Heh heh heh heh!
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
!
Oh, no!
He's going for our gun!
Crap!
We'll be in serious trouble if he gets it!
Heh heh heh!
Ahhhh!


DASH
WHOOSH
Ah!
FLING
Heh heh heh!


パカ
WHACK
ドオー
THUD…
シュルルル…
WHIZZ…
ダッ
DASH
ダッ
DASH


That was close.
FWISH
Yamashita!
Hey, Yamashita.
Hang in there buddy.
His wounds are not serious.
Just who...
...are you?!


I am the agent of justice...
...Barom One.
Barom One?!
Did you say, Barom One?!
The agent of justice?!
You are Barom One?
That's right.
There have been rumors about him.
An agent of justice protecting the world from evil.
He uses powers given to him by a god from space.
Such rumors are abuzz around Tokyo.
That's absurd!


Then, what brought you here...
...Barom One?
What drove this village into madness is not of this world.
?
Not of this world?
Yes...
It was caused by an evil space entity called Doruge.
Doruge drove the people mad...
...and destroyed this village.
The power needed to save this village...
...is beyond that of doctors and the police!
Don't be ridiculous!
An evil space entity called Doruge? Ha!
The same for your existence as well!
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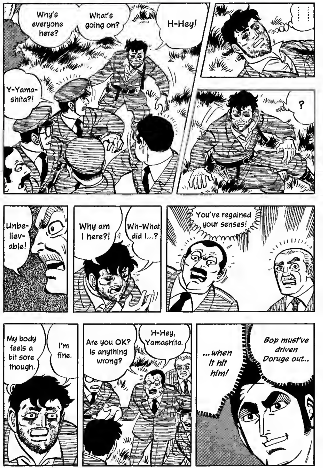
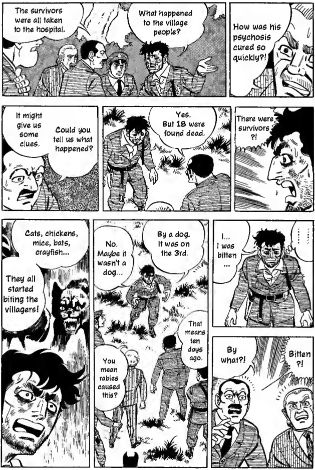
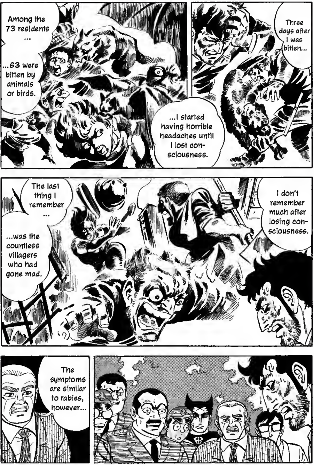
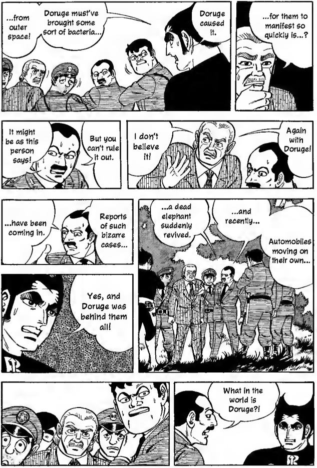
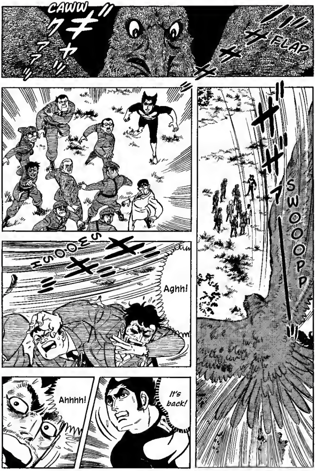
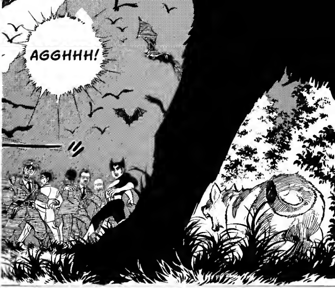

……
?
H-Hey!
What's going on?
Why's everyone here?
Y-Yamashita?!
You've regained your senses!
Wh-What did I…?
Why am I here?!
Unbelievable!
Bop must've driven Doruge out…
…when it hit him!
H-Hey, Yamashita.
Are you OK? Is anything wrong?
I'm fine.
My body feels a bit sore though.

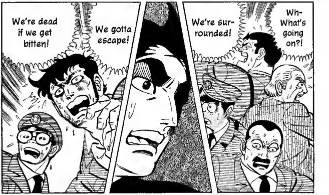

How was his psychosis cured so quickly?!
What happened to the village people?
The survivors were all taken to the hospital.
There were survivors ?!
Yes. But 18 were found dead.
Could you tell us what happened?
It might give us some clues.
I... I was bitten ...
......
Bitten ?!
By what?!
By a dog. It was on the 3rd.
No. Maybe it wasn't a dog...
That means ten days ago.
You mean rabies caused this?
Cats, chickens, mice, bats, crayfish...
They all started biting the villagers!

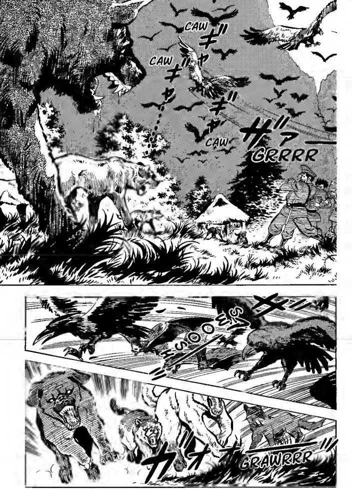

Among the 73 residents ...
...63 were bitten by animals or birds.
Three days after I was bitten...
...I started having horrible headaches until I lost consciousness.
I don't remember much after losing consciousness.
The last thing I remember ...
...was the countless villagers who had gone mad.
The symptoms are similar to rabies, however...


...for them to manifest so quickly is...?
Doruge caused it.
Doruge must've brought some sort of bacteria...
...from outer space!
Again with Doruge!
I don't believe it!
But you can't rule it out.
It might be as this person says!
Automobiles moving on their own...
...and recently...
...a dead elephant suddenly revived.
Reports of such bizarre cases...
...have been coming in.
Yes, and Doruge was behind them all!
What in the world is Doruge?!


CAWW
ギャッ
クアアッ
FLAP
サササ
ザザザァ
SWOOOPP
SWOOSH
ササ
Aghh!
It's back!
Ahhhh!


AGGHHH!


Wh- What's going on?!
We're surrounded!
We gotta escape!
We're dead if we get bitten!


ギャ
CAW
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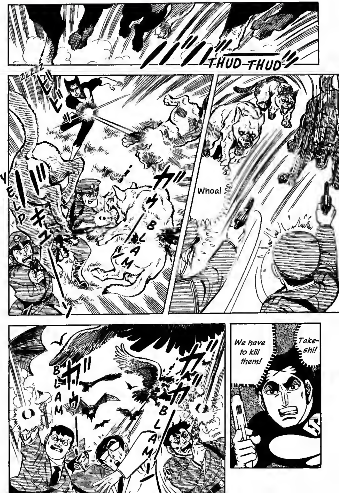
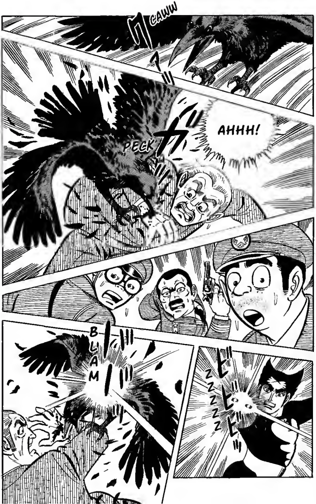
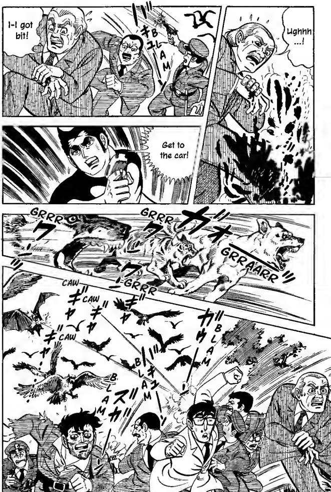
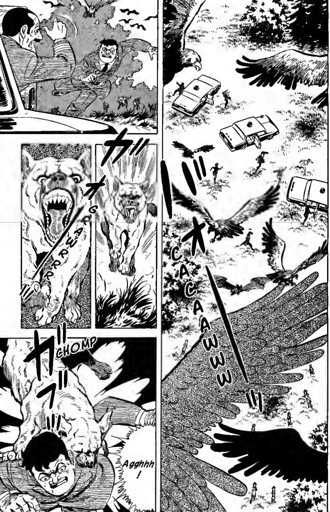
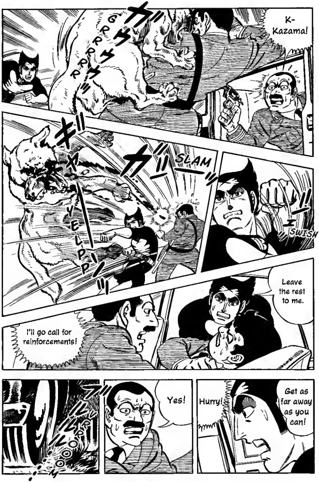
ザァー
GRRRR
ザ
SWOOSH
ガオオ
GRAWRRR

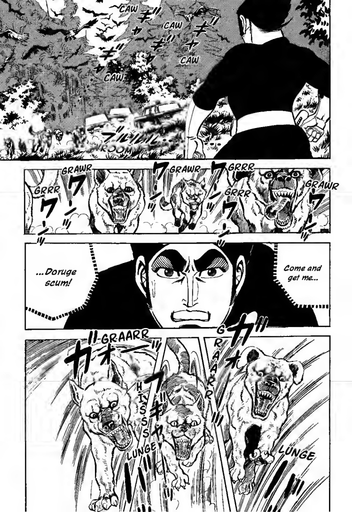

THUD THUD
Whoa!
Z-Z-Z-Z
ビビビ
ガウ
BLAM
ギュ
YELP
Take-shi!
We have to kill them!
ガガ
BLAM!
ガウ
BLAM

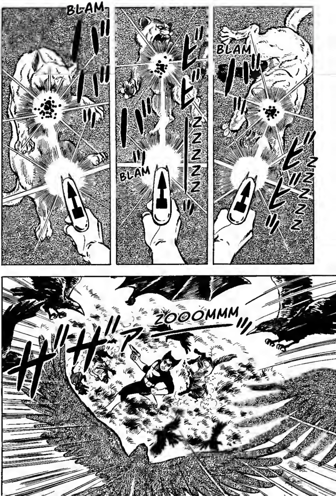

CAWW
AHHH!
PECK
BLAM
ビビビ
ZZZZZ


Ughhh ...!
I-I got bit!
バキュ
BLAM
Get to the car!
ガオ
GRRAARR
GRRR
ウ
GRRR
ウ
GRRR
ウ
CAW
ギャ
CAW
ギャ
CAW
ギャ
カウ
BLAM
バキュン
BLAM
スカ
BLAM


バオー
CACAAWWW
ガオ
GRAWRRR
ガブ
CHOMP
Agghhh!


K-Kazama!
カッ
GRRRRR
ガッ
SLAM
SWISH
ギャ
YELPP
Leave the rest to me.
I'll go call for reinforcements!
Get as far away as you can!
Hurry!
Yes!
ブルルル
VROOOOM


CAW
CAW
CAW
CAW
VROOM
GRAWR
GRRR
GRAWR
GRRR
GRRR
GRAWR
Come and get me...
...Doruge scum!
GRAARR
GRAARR
HISSS
LUNGE
LUNGE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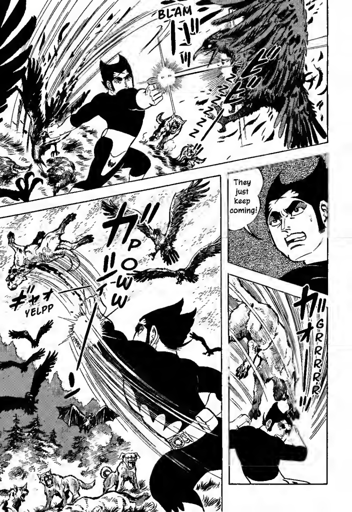
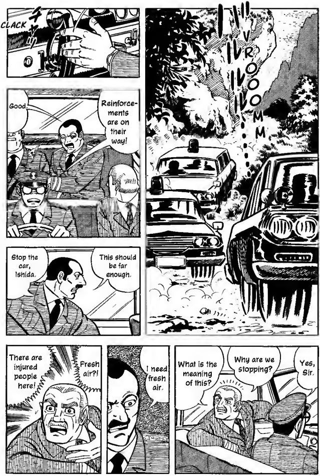
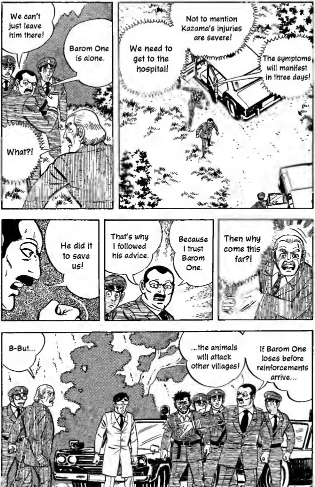
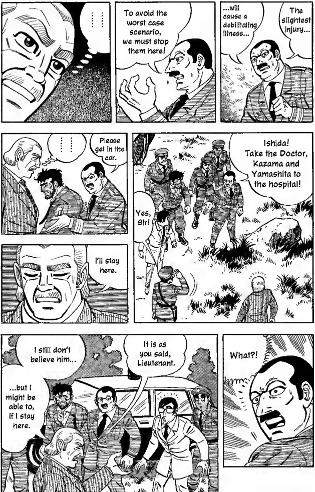
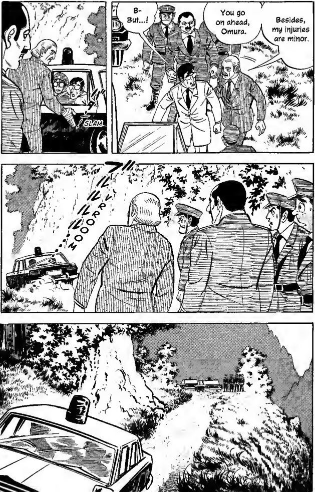
BLAM
ZOOOMMM
ザザァ

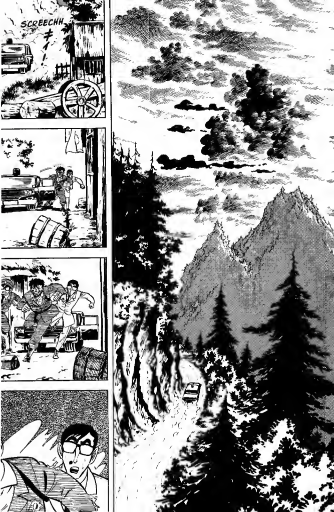

BLAM
ドン!!
ZZZZZZZ
They just keep coming!
ガオ!!
GRRRRR
ガッ!!
POW
ギャオ
YELPP

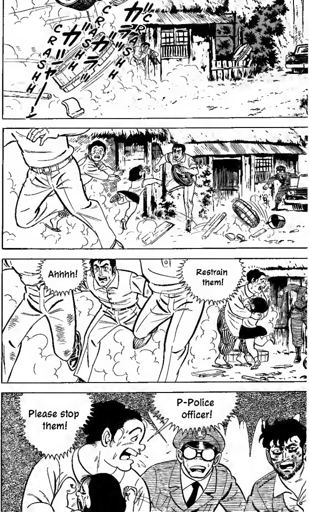

VROOOMM
CLACK
Reinforcements are on their way!
Good.
This should be far enough.
Stop the car, Ishida.
Yes, Sir.
Why are we stopping?
What is the meaning of this?
I need fresh air.
Fresh air?!
There are injured people here!


The symptoms will manifest in three days!
Not to mention Kazama's injuries are severe!
We need to get to the hospital!
Barom One is alone.
We can't just leave him there!
What?!
Then why come this far?!
Because I trust Barom One.
That's why I followed his advice.
He did it to save us!
If Barom One loses before reinforcements arrive...
...the animals will attack other villages!
B-But...


The slightest injury...
...will cause a debilitating illness...
To avoid the worst case scenario, we must stop them here!
......
Ishida! Take the Doctor, Kazama and Yamashita to the hospital!
Yes, Sir!
Please get in the car.
......
I'll stay here.
What?!
It is as you said, Lieutenant.
I still don't believe him...
...but I might be able to, if I stay here.


SLAM
B- But...!
You go on ahead, Omura.
Besides, my injuries are minor.
VRROOOOM


SCREECHH
キイ!


ガラ
CRASHH
CRASHH
ガラ
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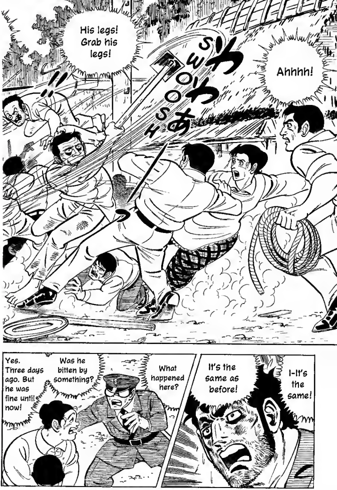
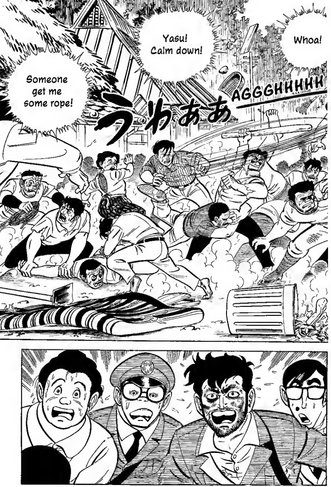
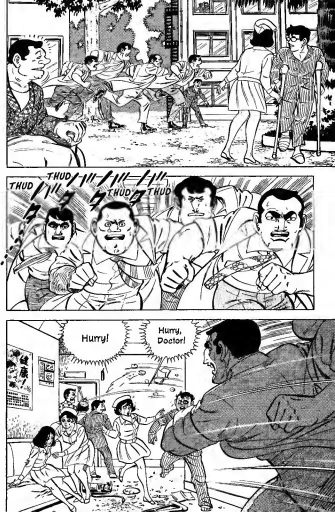
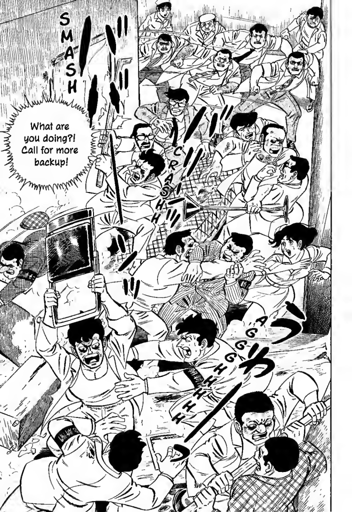
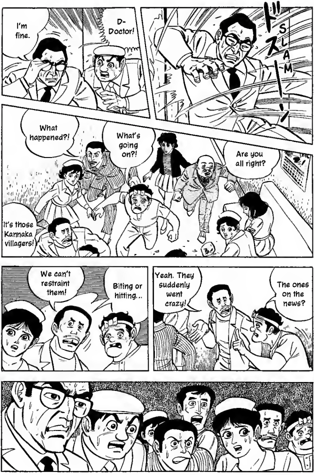
ガシャーン
CRASHH!
Restrain them!
Ahhhh!
P-Police officer!
Please stop them!

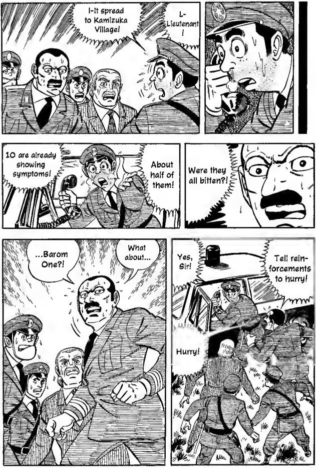

Ahhhh!
His legs! Grab his legs!
SWOOSH
わわあ
I-It's the same!
It's the same as before!
What happened here?
Was he bitten by something?
Yes. Three days ago. But he was fine until now!

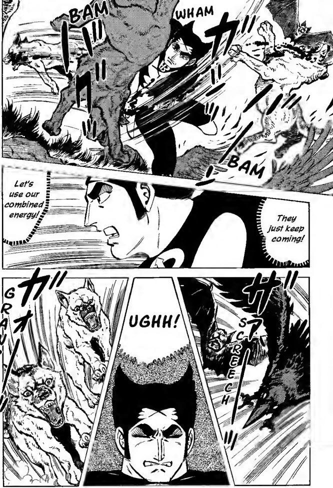

Whoa!
Yasu! Calm down!
Someone get me some rope!
うわああ
AGGGHHHHH

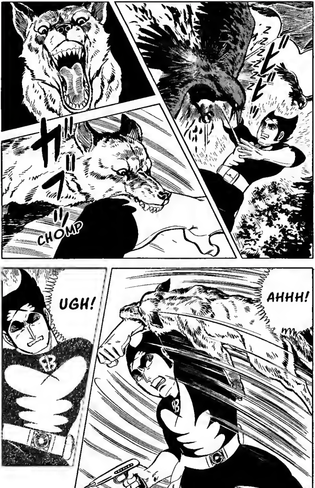

THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
バタ
バタ
バタ
Hurry, Doctor!
Hurry!
健康!

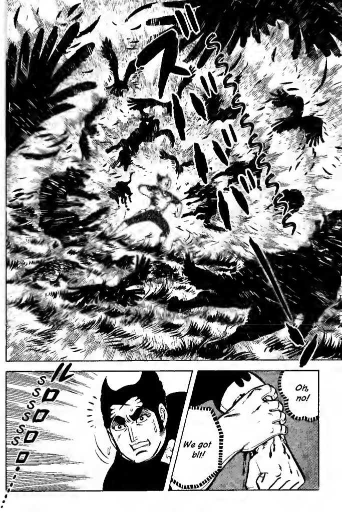

SMASH
バリ
What are you doing?! Call for more backup!
CRASHHH
AGGGHHHHH
うわ

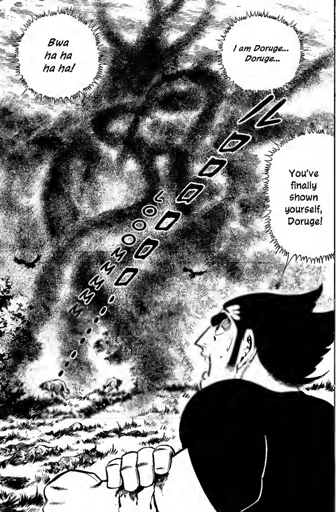

ドス
SLAM
D-Doctor!
I'm fine.
Are you all right?
What's going on?!
What happened?!
It's those Kannaka villagers!
The ones on the news?
Yeah. They suddenly went crazy!
Biting or hitting...
We can't restraint them!

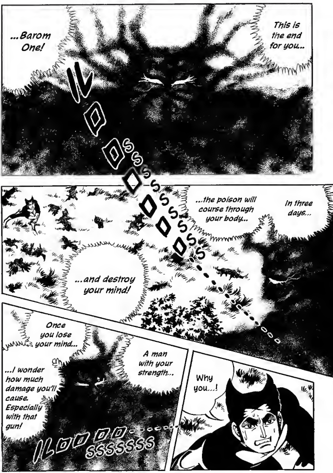

L-Lieutenant!
I-It spread to Kamizuka Village!
Were they all bitten?!
About half of them!
10 are already showing symptoms!
Tell reinforcements to hurry!
Yes, Sir!
Hurry!
What about...
...Barom One?!

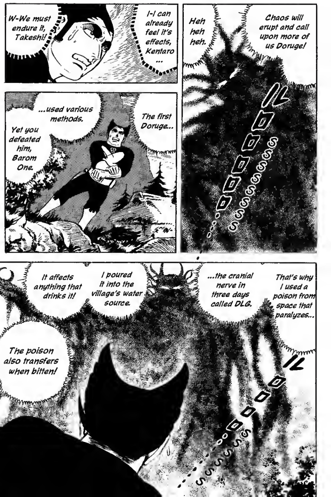
WHAM
BAM
BAM
They just keep coming!
Let's use our combined energy!
SCREECH
UGHH!
GRAWRR

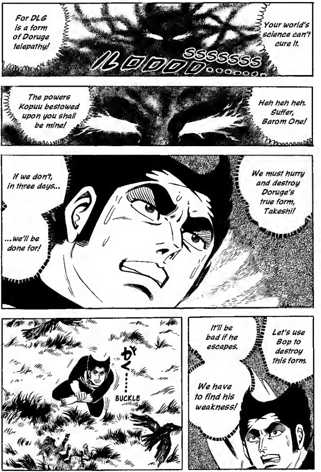

ZZZZZZ
ビビ
ガブ
CHOMP
AHHH!
UGH!

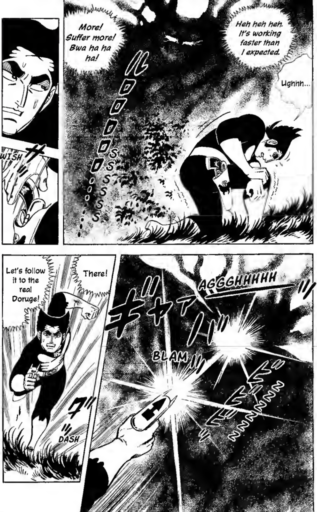

ズバババ
ssssssssss
Oh, no!
We got bit!
ルロロロロ
SSSSSS

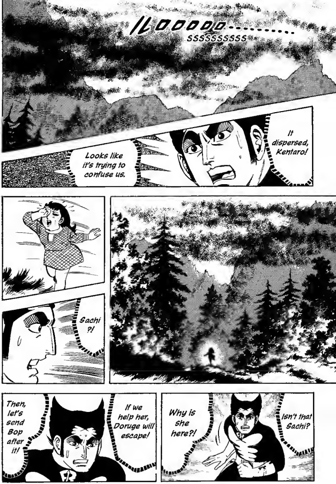

I am Doruge... Doruge...
Bwa ha ha ha ha!
You've finally shown yourself, Doruge!
ルロロロロロロ‥
LOOOMMMMM......

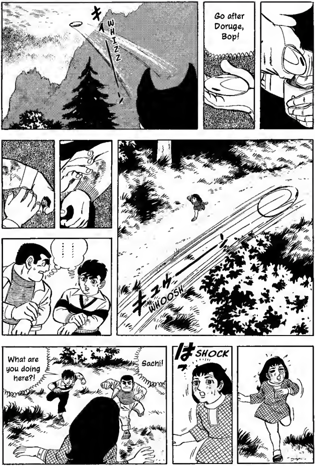

This is the end for you...
...Barom One!
In three days...
...the poison will course through your body...
...and destroy your mind!
Why you...!
Once you lose your mind...
A man with your strength...
...I wonder how much damage you'll cause. Especially with that gun!
SSSSSSS


Chaos will erupt and call upon more of us Doruge!
Heh heh heh.
ルDDDDDD
SSSSSSSS
I-I can already feel it's effects, Kentaro ...
W-We must endure it, Takeshi!
The first Doruge...
...used various methods.
Yet you defeated him, Barom One.
That's why I used a poison from space that paralyzes...
...the cranial nerve in three days called DLG.
I poured it into the village's water source.
It affects anything that drinks it!
The poison also transfers when bitten!
ルDDDDD
SSSSS


Your world's science can't cure it.
For DLG is a form of Doruge telepathy!
ルロロロロ…
SSSSSSS
Heh heh heh. Suffer, Barom One!
The powers Kopuu bestowed upon you shall be mine!
We must hurry and destroy Doruge's true form, Takeshi!
If we don't, in three days...
...we'll be done for!
Let's use Bop to destroy this form.
It'll be bad if he escapes.
We have to find his weakness!
がく…
BUCKLE


FWISH
More! Suffer more! Bwa ha ha ha!
Heh heh heh. It's working faster than I expected.
SSSSSS
Ughhh...
Let's follow it to the real Doruge!
There!
DASH
ギャア
AGGGHHHHH
BLAM


ルooooo.......
ssssssssss
It dispersed, Kentaro!
Looks like it's trying to confuse us.
Sachi ?!
Isn't that Sachi?
Why is she here?!
If we help her, Doruge will escape!
Then, let's send Bop after it!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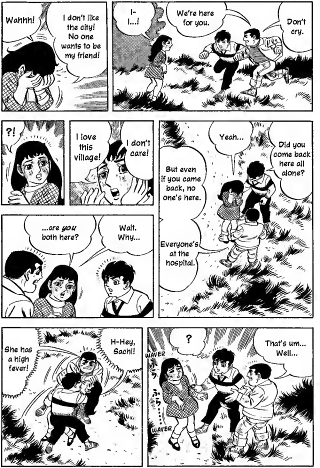
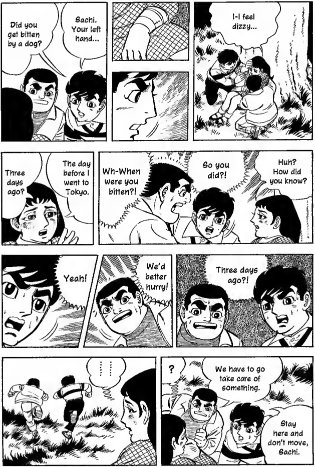
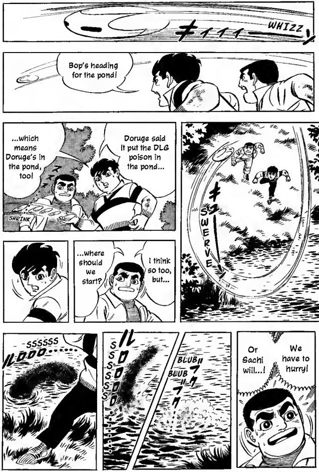
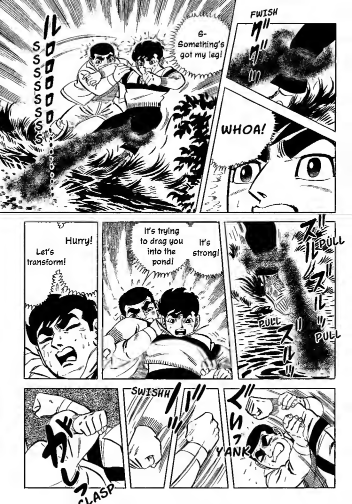
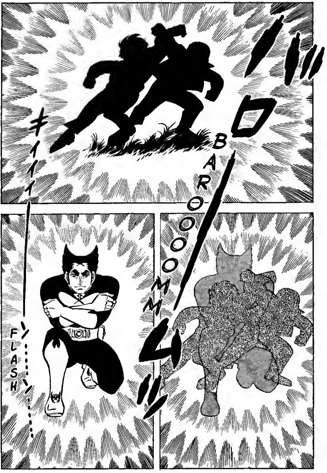
WHIZZ
Go after Doruge, Bop!
……
キュウ—
WHOOSH
What are you doing here?!
Sachi!
は
SHOCK

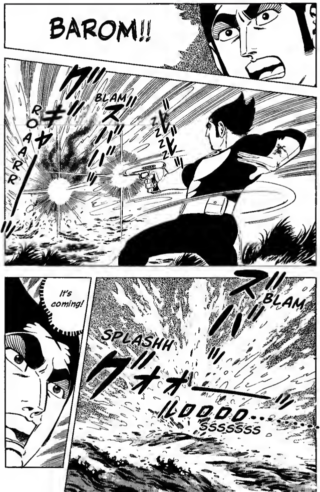

Don't cry.
We're here for you.
I- I...!
I don't like the city! No one wants to be my friend!
Wahhh!
Did you come back here all alone?
Yeah...
But even if you came back, no one's here.
Everyone's at the hospital.
I don't care!
I love this village!
?!
Wait. Why...
...are *you* both here?
That's um... Well...
?
WAVER
ふら
ふら……
WAVER
H-Hey, Sachi!
She has a high fever!

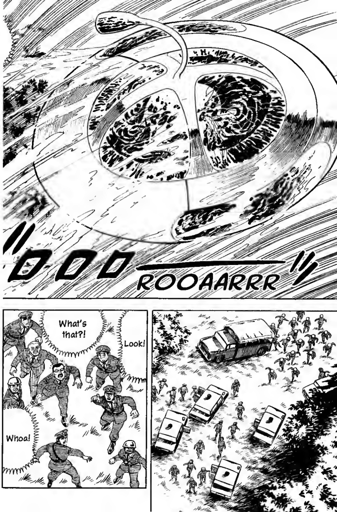

I-I feel dizzy...
Sachi. Your left hand...
Did you get bitten by a dog?
Huh? How did you know?
So you did?!
Wh-When were you bitten?!
The day before I went to Tokyo.
Three days ago?
Three days ago?!
We'd better hurry!
Yeah!
Stay here and don't move, Sachi.
We have to go take care of something.
?
……

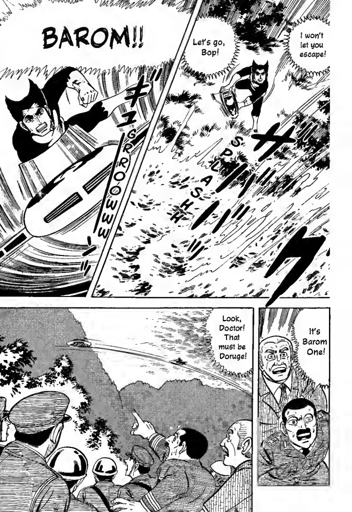

WHIZZ
キイイイ
Bop's heading for the pond!
キュ
SWERVE
Doruge said it put the DLG poison in the pond...
...which means Doruge's in the pond, too!
ズズ
SHRINK
I think so too, but...
...where should we start?
We have to hurry!
Or Sachi will...!
BLUB ブク
BLUB ブク
SSSSS ルロロロ
SSSSSS ルロロロ

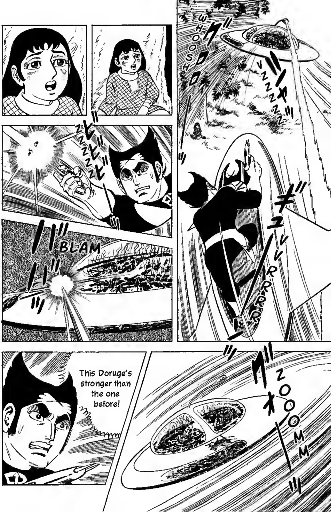

FWISH
ググッ
WHOA!
S-Something's got my leg!
ルロロロロロ
SSSSSSSS
ズル PULL
ズル PULL
ズルッ PULL
It's strong!
It's trying to drag you into the pond!
Hurry!
Let's transform!
ぐいっ
YANK
バッ
SWISHH
ガシッ
CLASP

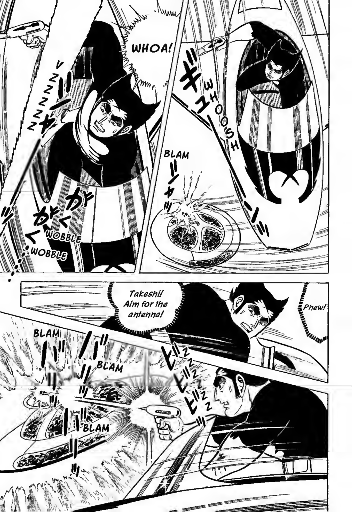

バロム
BAROOOOOMM
キイイイ
FLASH

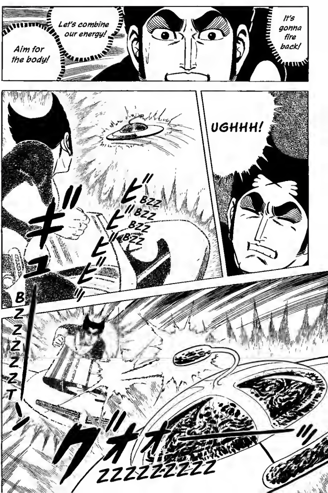

BAROM!!
ビビ
ZZZZ
ズババ
BLAM
グギャー
ROAARR
ズバ
BLAM
SPLASHH
グオオー
ルロロロロ……
SSSSSSS
It's coming!

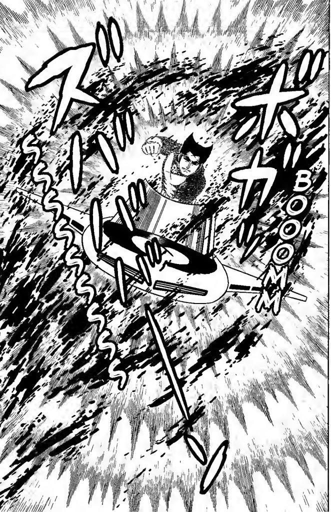

DDD
ROOAARRR
What's that?!
Look!
Whoa!

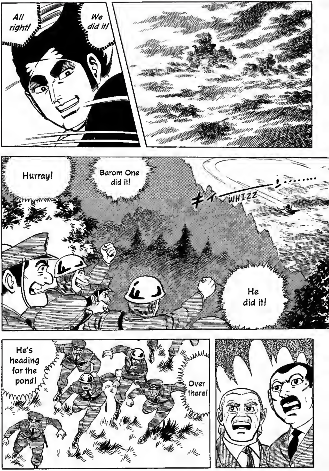

BAROM!!
GRROOOWWW
Let's go, Bop!
I won't let you escape!
SPLASHH
Look, Doctor! That must be Doruge!
It's Barom One!

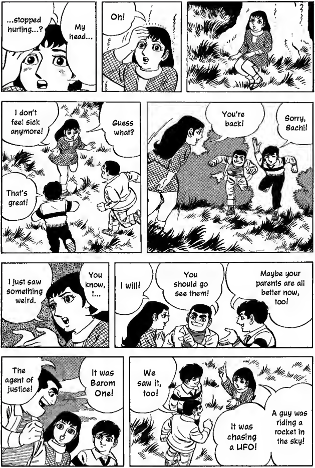

WHOOSH
グロロ
VZZZZZZ
ギュー
VVRRRR
ZZZZZ
BLAM
ZOOOMM
This Doruge's stronger than the one before!

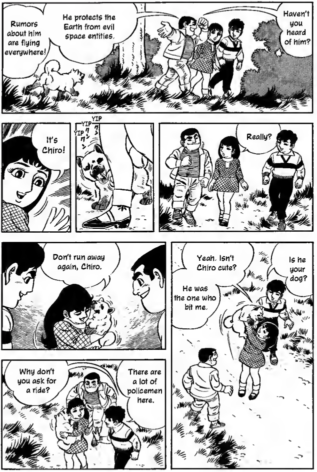

ギュ
WHOOSH
BLAM
ジャッ
WHOA!
VZZZZZZ
がくがく
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
Phew!
Takeshi! Aim for the antenna!
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
ZZZ
ZZZ
ZZ

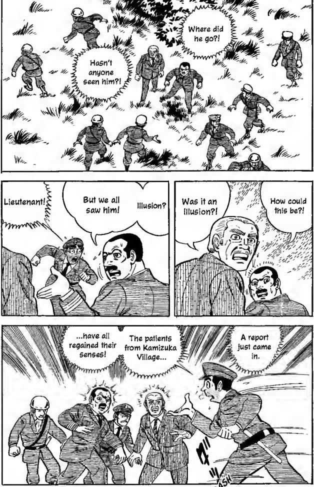

It's gonna fire back!
Let's combine our energy!
Aim for the body!
UGHHH!
ビ BZZ
ビ BZZ
ビ BZZ
ビ BZZ
ギュ
BZZZZZZT
クォオ
ZZZZZZZZZ

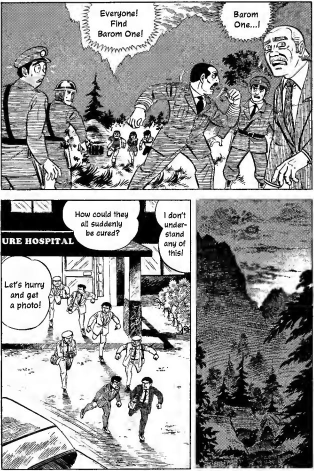

ボガ
BOOOOMM
ズバババ
SSSSSSSSSSS

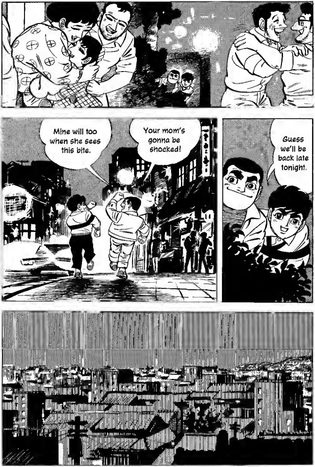

All right!
We did it!
Hurray!
Barom One did it!
キイ WHIZZ
He did it!
He's heading for the pond!
Over there!


Oh!
My head...
...stopped hurting...?
Sorry, Sachi!
You're back!
Guess what?
I don't feel sick anymore!
That's great!
Maybe your parents are all better now, too!
You should go see them!
I will!
You know, I...
I just saw something weird.
We saw it, too!
A guy was riding a rocket in the sky!
It was chasing a UFO!
It was Barom One!
The agent of justice!


Haven't you heard of him?
He protects the Earth from evil space entities.
Rumors about him are flying everywhere!
Really?
YIP YIP YIP
It's Chiro!
Don't run away again, Chiro.
Is he your dog?
Yeah. Isn't Chiro cute?
He was the one who bit me.
There are a lot of policemen here.
Why don't you ask for a ride?


Where did he go?!
Hasn't anyone seen him?!
How could this be?!
Was it an illusion?!
Illusion?
But we all saw him!
Lieutenant!
A report just came in.
The patients from Kamizuka Village...
...have all regained their senses!
DASH


Everyone! Find Barom One!
Barom One...!
URE HOSPITAL
How could they all suddenly be cured?
I don't understand any of this!
Let's hurry and get a photo!


Guess we'll be back late tonight.
Your mom's gonna be shocked!
Mine will too when she sees this bite.

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BAROM ONE

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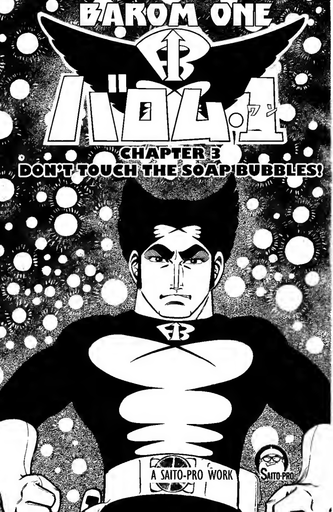
CHAPTER 3

DON'T TOUCH THE SOAP BUBBLES!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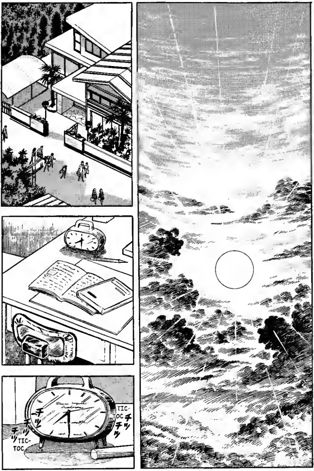
A SAITO-PRO WORK
SAITO-PRO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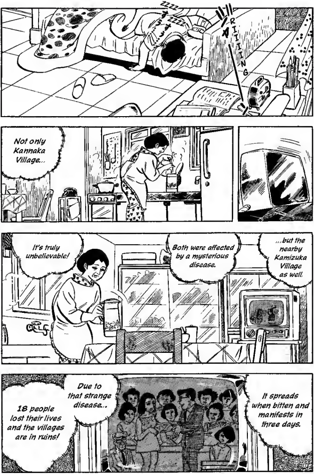
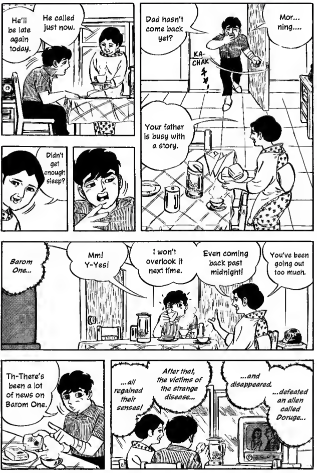
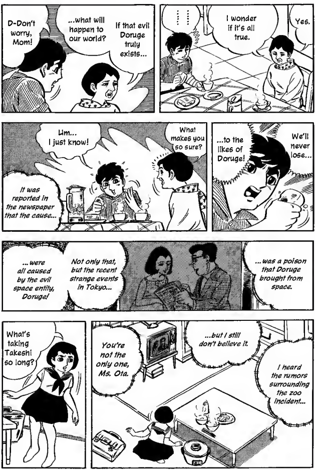
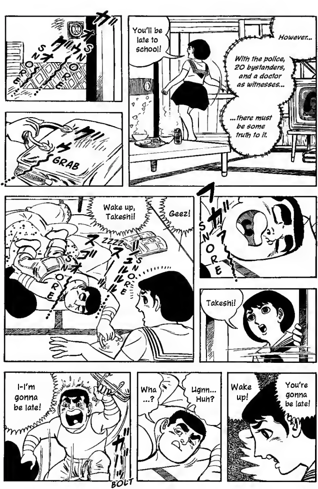
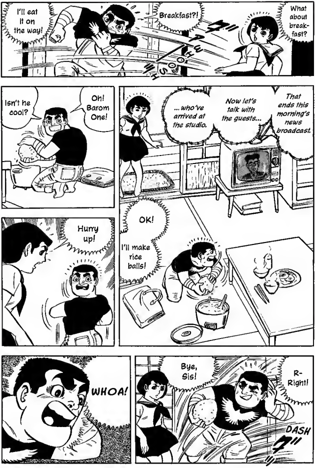
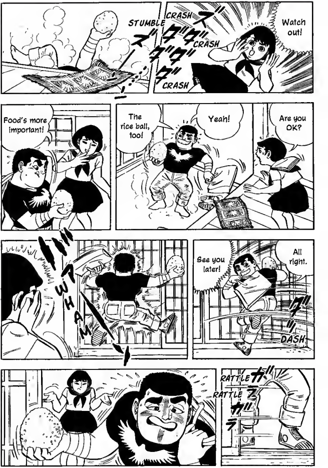

ZZZZ
ZZZZ
RIIIING
Not only Kannaka Village...
...but the nearby Kamizuka Village as well.
Both were affected by a mysterious disease.
It's truly unbelievable!
Due to that strange disease...
18 people lost their lives and the villages are in ruins!
It spreads when bitten and manifests in three days.


Mor... ning....
KA-CHAK
Dad hasn't come back yet?
Your father is busy with a story.
He called just now.
He'll be late again today.
Didn't get enough sleep?
You've been going out too much.
Even coming back past midnight!
I won't overlook it next time.
Mm! Y-Yes!
Barom One...
...defeated an alien called Doruge...
...and disappeared.
After that, the victims of the strange disease...
...all regained their senses!
Th-There's been a lot of news on Barom One.


Yes.
I wonder if it's all true.
……
If that evil Doruge truly exists...
...what will happen to our world?
D-Don't worry, Mom!
We'll never lose...
...to the likes of Doruge!
What makes you so sure?
Um... I just know!
It was reported in the newspaper that the cause...
...was a poison that Doruge brought from space.
Not only that, but the recent strange events in Tokyo...
...were all caused by the evil space entity, Doruge!
I heard the rumors surrounding the zoo incident...
...but I still don't believe it.
You're not the only one, Ms. Ota.
What's taking Takeshi so long?


However...
With the police, 20 bystanders, and a doctor as witnesses...
...there must be some truth to it.
You'll be late to school!
SNORE
SNORE
GRAB
SNORE
Takeshi!
Geez!
Wake up, Takeshi!
ZZZZ
SNORE
SNORE
You're gonna be late!
Wake up!
Ugnn... Huh?
Wha ...?
I-I'm gonna be late!
BOLT


What about breakfast?
Breakfast?!
I'll eat it on the way!
That ends this morning's news broadcast.
Now let's talk with the guests...
...who've arrived at the studio.
OK!
I'll make rice balls!
Oh! Barom One!
Isn't he cool?
Hurry up!
R-Right!
Bye, Sis!
DASH
WHOA!


Watch out!
CRASH ズ
ダ CRASH
ダ
ダ CRASH
STUMBLE
Are you OK?
Yeah!
The rice ball, too!
Food's more important!
All right.
See you later!
ダ DASH
バ
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WHAM
RATTLE ガ
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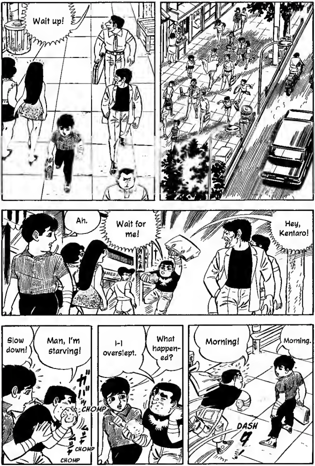
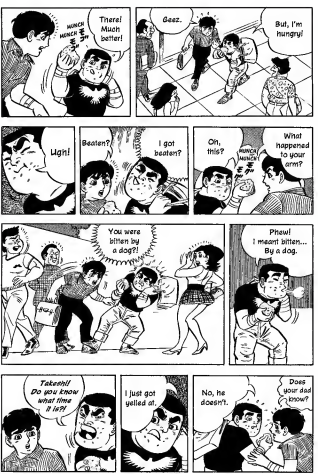
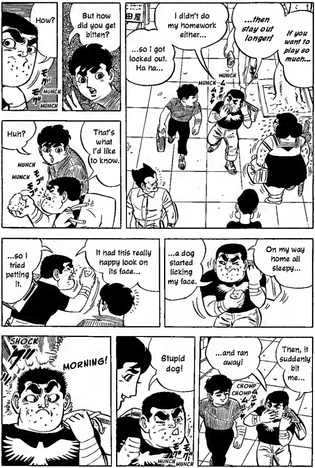
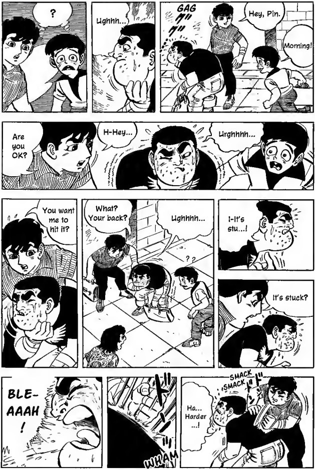
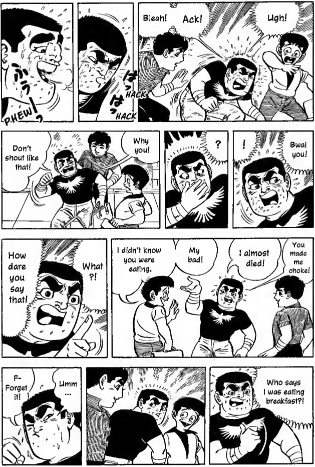
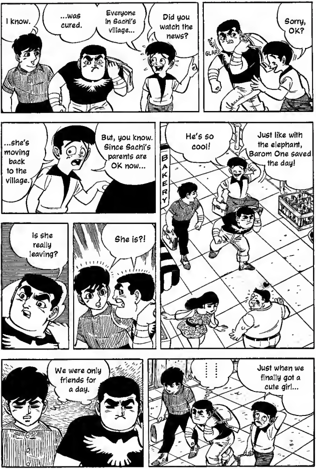

Wait up!
Hey, Kentaro!
Wait for me!
Ah.
Morning.
Morning!
DASH
What happened?
I-I overslept.
Man, I'm starving!
Slow down!
ガバ
CHOMP
ムシャ
CHOMP
ムシャ
CHOMP

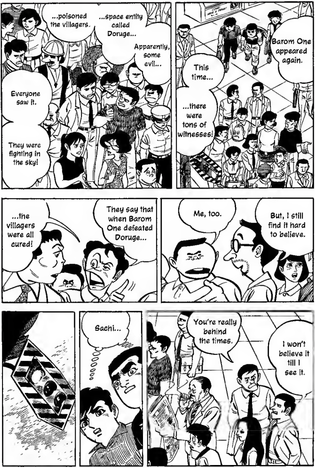

But, I'm hungry!
Geez.
There! Much better!
MUNCH MUNCH
モグ
What happened to your arm?
Oh, this?
MUNCH MUNCH
モグ
I got beaten?
Beaten?
Ugh!
Phew! I meant bitten... By a dog.
You were bitten by a dog?!
Does your dad know?
No, he doesn't.
I just got yelled at.
Takeshi! Do you know what time it is?!

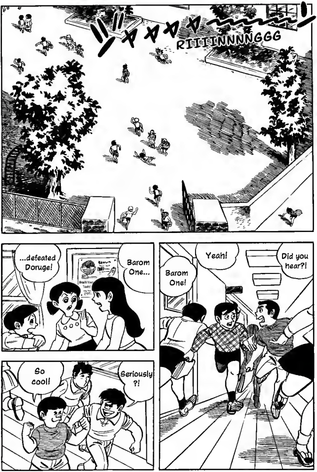

If you want to play so much...
...then stay out longer!
I didn't do my homework either...
...so I got locked out. Ha ha...
MUNCH ムシャ
But how did you get bitten?
How?
モグ MUNCH
モグ MUNCH
That's what I'd like to know.
Huh?
MUNCH MUNCH モグ
On my way home all sleepy...
...a dog started licking my face.
It had this really happy look on its face...
...so I tried petting it.
Then, it suddenly bit me...
...and ran away!
CHOMP CHOMP ムシャ
Stupid dog!
モグ MUNCH モグ MUNCH
MORNING!
SHOCK ギク

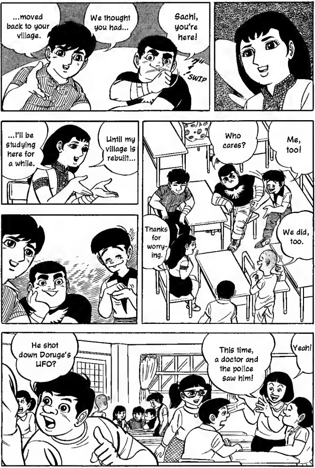

?
Ughhh...
GAG
Hey, Pin.
Morning!
Are you OK?
H-Hey...
Urghhhh...
You want me to hit it?
What? Your back?
Ughhh...
? ?
I-It's stu...!
It's stuck?
BLE-AAAH!
WHAM
SMACK SMACK
Ha... Harder ...!

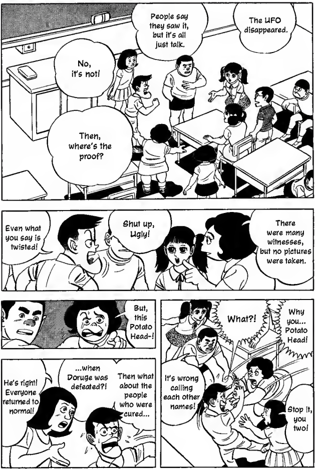

Ugh!
Ack!
Bleah!
は HACK
は HACK
P.HEW
Bwa! you!
!
?
Why you!
Don't shout like that!
You made me choke!
I almost died!
My bad!
I didn't know you were eating.
What?!
How dare you say that!
Who says I was eating breakfast?!
Umm...
F-Forget it!

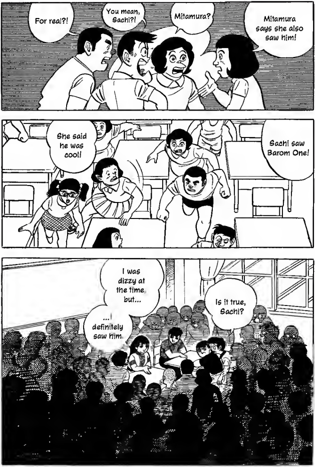

Sorry, OK?
GLARE
Did you watch the news?
Everyone in Sachi's village...
...was cured.
I know.
Just like with the elephant, Barom One saved the day!
He's so cool!
BAKERY
But, you know. Since Sachi's parents are OK now...
...she's moving back to the village.
She is?!
Is she really leaving?
Just when we finally got a cute girl...
......
We were only friends for a day.

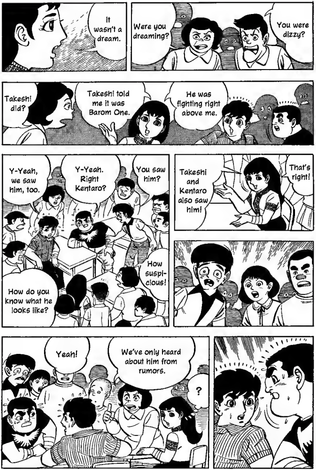

Barom One appeared again.
This time...
...there were tons of witnesses!
Apparently, some evil...
...space entity called Doruge...
...poisoned the villagers.
Everyone saw it.
They were fighting in the sky!
But, I still find it hard to believe.
Me, too.
They say that when Barom One defeated Doruge...
...the villagers were all cured!
I won't believe it till I see it.
You're really behind the times.
Sachi...

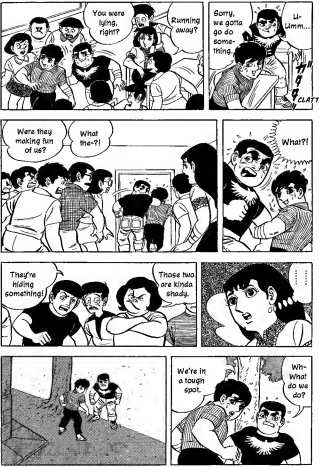

ジャヤヤヤ〜〜！
RIIIINNNNGGG
Did you hear?!
Yeah!
Barom One!
Barom One...
...defeated Doruge!
Brush Your Teeth!
Seriously ?!
So cool!

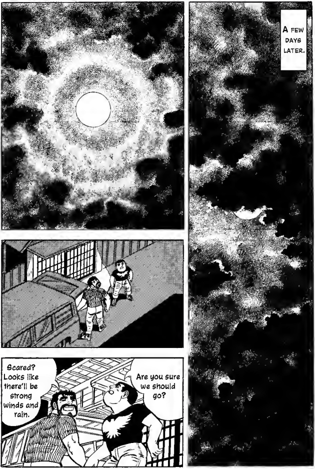

Sachi, you're here!
SWIP
We thought you had...
...moved back to your village.
Who cares?
Me, too!
We did, too.
Thanks for worrying.
Until my village is rebuilt...
...I'll be studying here for a while.
Yeah!
This time, a doctor and the police saw him!
He shot down Doruge's UFO?

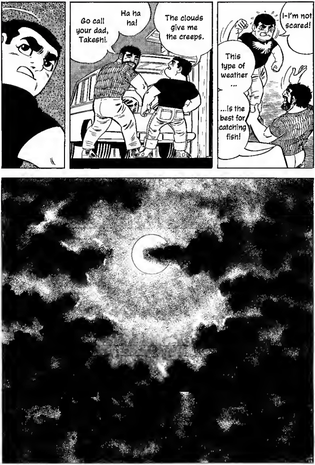

The UFO disappeared.
People say they saw it, but it's all just talk.
No, it's not!
Then, where's the proof?
There were many witnesses, but no pictures were taken.
Shut up, Ugly!
Even what you say is twisted!
Why you... Potato Head!
What?!
It's wrong calling each other names!
Stop it, you two!
But, this Potato Head-!
Then what about the people who were cured...
...when Doruge was defeated?!
He's right! Everyone returned to normal!

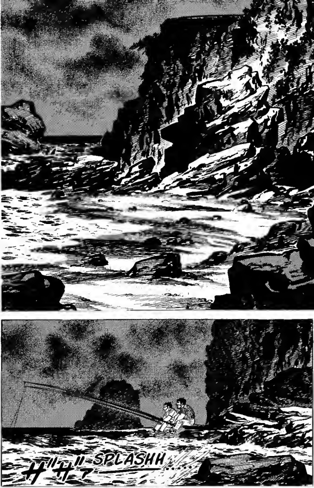

Mitamura says she also saw him!
Mitamura?
You mean, Sachi?!
For real?!
Sachi saw Barom One!
She said he was cool!
Is it true, Sachi?
I was dizzy at the time but...
...definitely saw him.

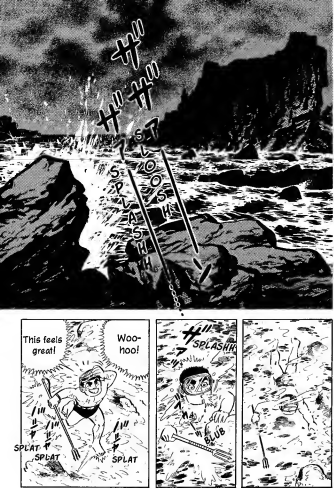

It wasn't a dream.
Were you dreaming?
You were dizzy?
Takeshi did?
Takeshi told me it was Barom One.
He was fighting right above me.
Y-Yeah, we saw him, too.
Y-Yeah. Right Kentaro?
You saw him?
How suspicious!
How do you know what he looks like?
Takeshi and Kentaro also saw him!
That's right!
Yeah!
We've only heard about him from rumors.
?

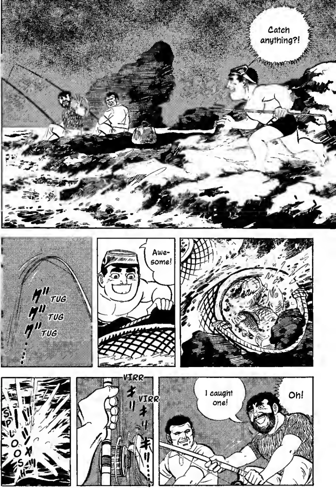

U- Umm...
Sorry, we gotta go do something.
ガタッ
CLATTER
Running away?
You were lying, right?
What?!
What the-?!
Were they making fun of us?
......
Those two are kinda shady.
They're hiding something!
Wh- What do we do?
We're in a tough spot.

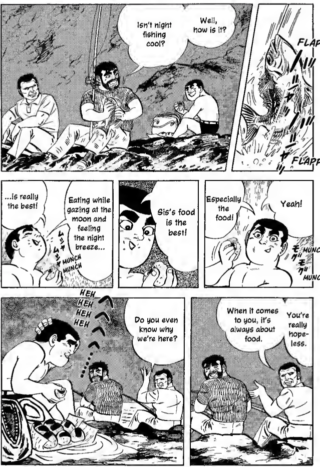

A few days later.
Are you sure we should go?
Scared? Looks like there'll be strong winds and rain.

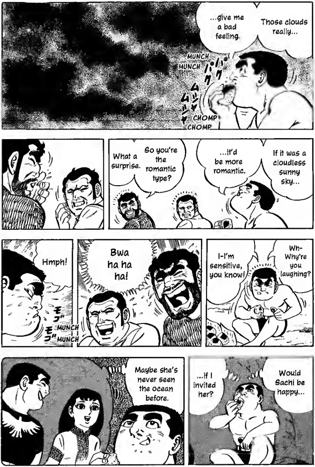

The clouds give me the creeps.
Ha ha ha!
Go call your dad, Takeshi.
I-I'm not scared!
This type of weather ...
...is the best for catching fish!

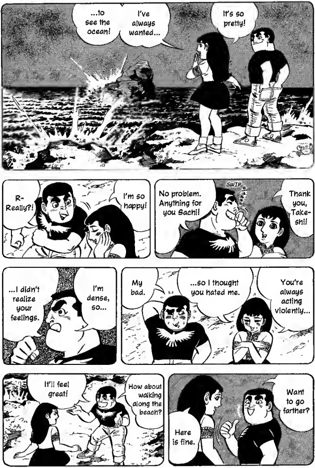

ザザァ SPLASHH……

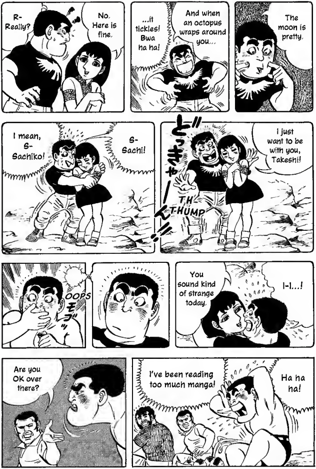

ザザザ
STLOOSH
SPLASHH
ザァッ
SPLASHH
BLUB
Woo-hoo!
This feels great!
SPLAT
SPLAT
SPLAT

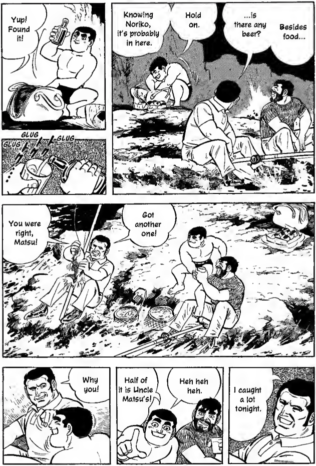

Catch anything?!
Awe-some!
グ" TUG
グ" TUG
グ" TUG
Oh!
I caught one!
VIRR
キ VIRR
キリ
キリ…
VIRR
SPLOOSH

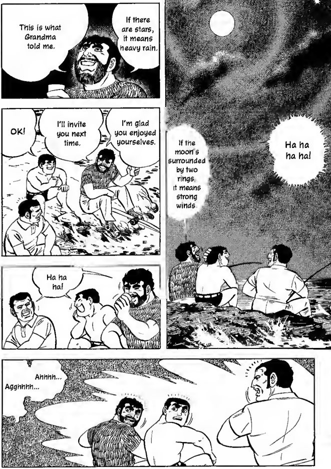

FLAPP
FLAPP
Well, how is it?
Isn't night fishing cool?
Yeah!
MUNCH
MUNCH
Especially the food!
Sis's food is the best!
Eating while gazing at the moon and feeling the night breeze...
...is really the best!
MUNCH
MUNCH
You're really hopeless.
When it comes to you, it's always about food.
Do you even know why we're here?
HEH
HEH
HEH
HEH

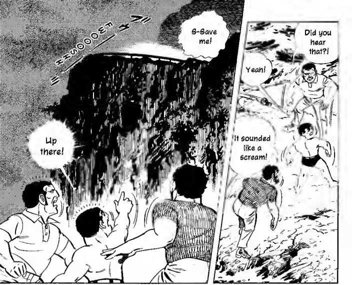

Those clouds really...
...give me a bad feeling.
バク バク
MUNCH MUNCH
ムシャ ムシャ
CHOMP CHOMP
If it was a cloudless sunny sky...
...it'd be more romantic.
So you're the romantic type?
What a surprise.
Wh-Why're you laughing?
I-I'm sensitive, you know!
Bwa ha ha ha!
Hmph!
モグ モグ
MUNCH MUNCH
Would Sachi be happy...
...if I invited her?
Maybe she's never seen the ocean before.

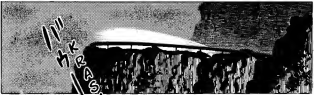

It's so pretty!
I've always wanted...
...to see the ocean!
Thank you, Take-shi!
SWIP
No problem. Anything for you Sachi!
I'm so happy!
R-Really?!
You're always acting violently...
...so I thought you hated me.
My bad.
I'm dense, so...
...I didn't realize your feelings.
Want to go farther?
Here is fine.
How about walking along the beach?
It'll feel great!

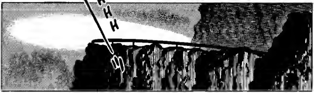

The moon is pretty.
And when an octopus wraps around you…
…it tickles! Bwa ha ha!
No. Here is fine.
R-Really?
I just want to be with you, Takeshi!
どっきゃーん!!
THUMP
S-Sachi!
I mean, S-Sachiko!
You sound kind of strange today.
I-I…!
OOPS
モブッ
I've been reading too much manga!
Ha ha ha!
Are you OK over there?

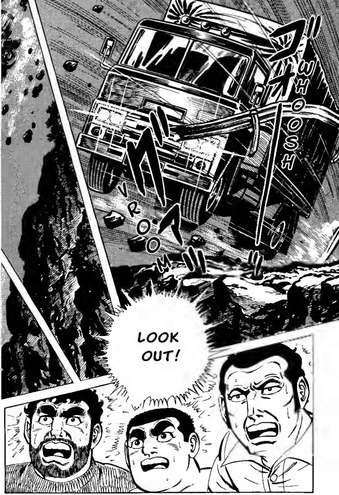

Besides food...
...is there any beer?
Hold on.
Knowing Noriko, it's probably in here.
Yup! Found it!
GLUG GLUG GLUG
Got another one!
You were right, Matsu!
I caught a lot tonight.
Heh heh heh.
Half of it is Uncle Matsu's!
Why you!

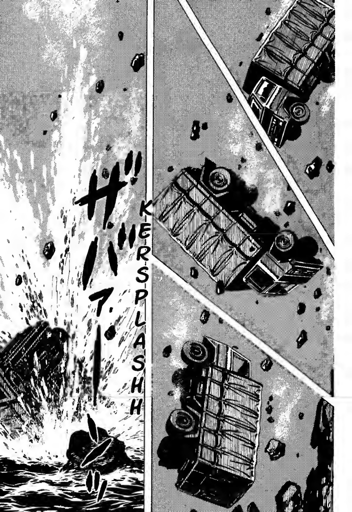

If the moon's surrounded by two rings, it means strong winds.
Ha ha ha ha!
If there are stars, it means heavy rain.
This is what Grandma told me.
I'm glad you enjoyed yourselves.
I'll invite you next time.
OK!
Ha ha ha!
Ahhhh...
Agghhhh...

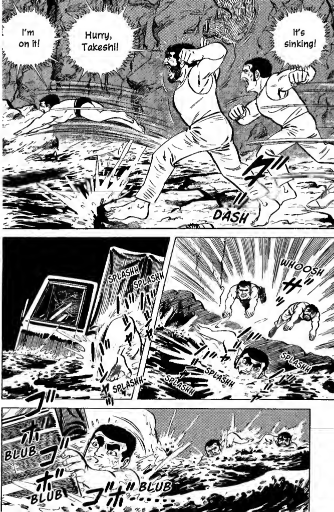

SHOOOOM
S-Save me!
Did you hear that?!
Yeah!
It sounded like a scream!
Up there!




KRASHHH


ゴオ
WHOOSH
ガア
VROOOM!!
LOOK OUT!


ザバアー!!
KERSPLASH


It's sinking!
Hurry, Takeshi!
I'm on it!
ダ"
DASH
WHOOSH
ザ"
SPLASHH
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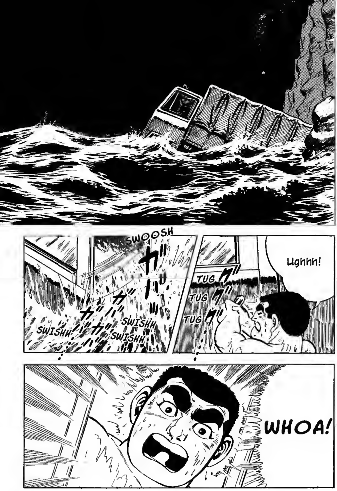
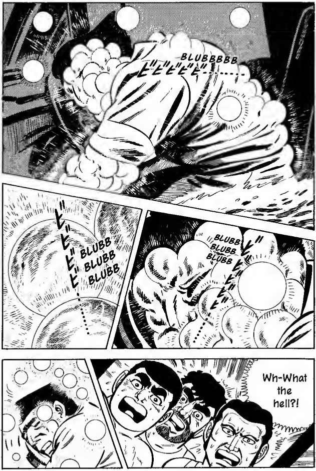

SWOOSH
SWISHH
SWISHH
SWISHH
TUG
TUG
TUG
Ughhh!
WHOA!


ビビビビビ……
BLUBBBBB
ビビビビ……
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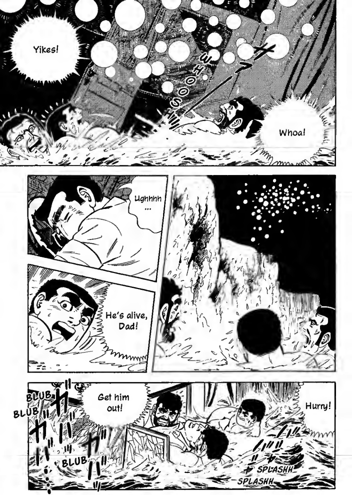
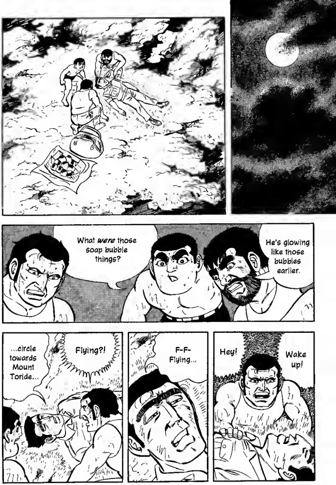
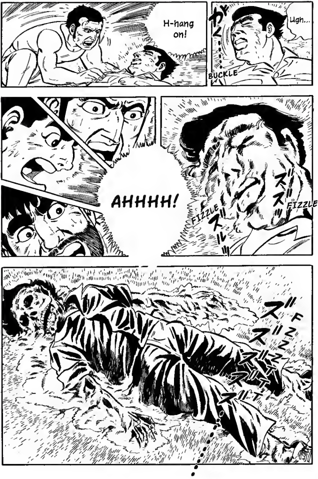
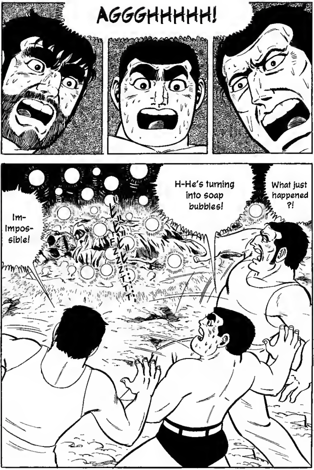
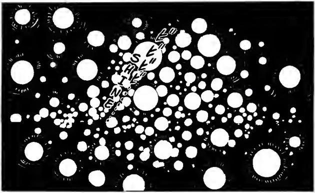
BLUBB
BLUBB
BLUBB
Wh-What the hell?!

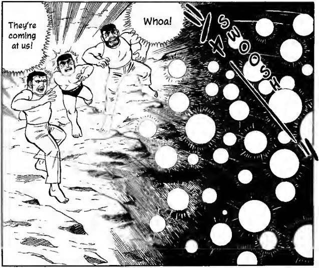

Yikes!
WHOOSH
Whoa!
Ughhhh ...
He's alive, Dad!
BLUB
BLUB
BLUB
Get him out!
Hurry!
SPLASHH
SPLASHH

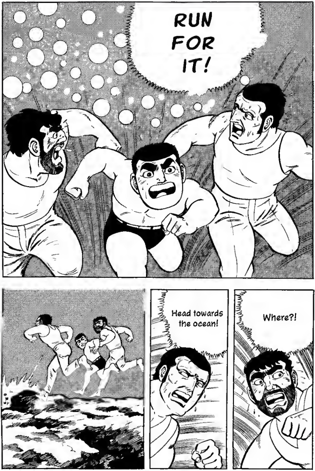

He's glowing like those bubbles earlier.
What *were* those soap bubble things?
Hey! Wake up!
F-F-Flying...
Flying?!
...circle towards Mount Toride...

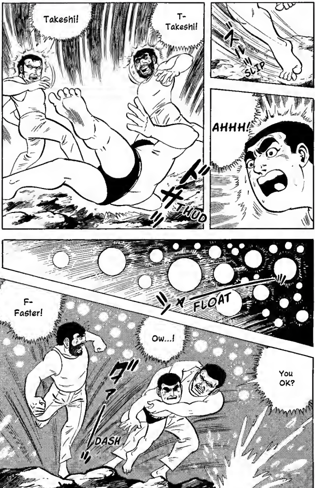

H-hang on!
Ugh...
がく
BUCKLE
AHHHH!
FIZZLE
ズズ
ズル
FIZZLE
ズズズズズ
FZZZZT

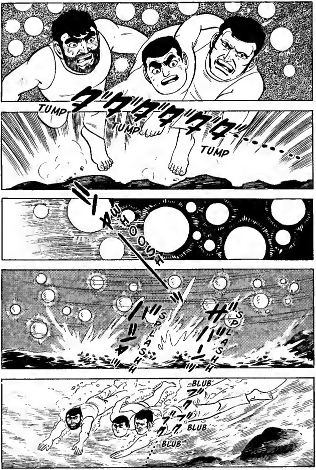

AGGGHHHHH!
What just happened?!
H-He's turning into soap bubbles!
Im-Impos-sible!
ビビビビビ……
FZZZT


ビビビ
SHINE


SWOOSH
Whoa!
They're coming at us!


RUN FOR IT!
Head towards the ocean!
Where?!


SLIP
AHHH!
T-
Takeshi!
Takeshi!
THUD
FLOAT
You
OK?
Ow...!
F-
Faster!
DASH



ダダダダダダ……
TUMP
TUMP
TUMP
ズー
WHOOSH
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バーン
SPLASH
ブクブク
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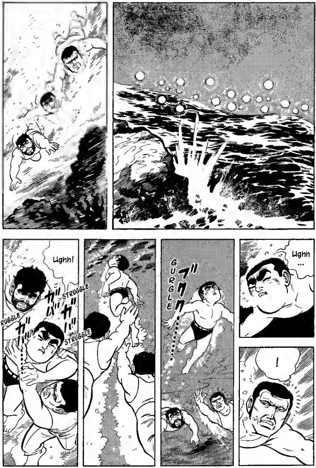
BLUB
BLUB


Ughhn ...
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ブクク……
GURGLE
Ughh!
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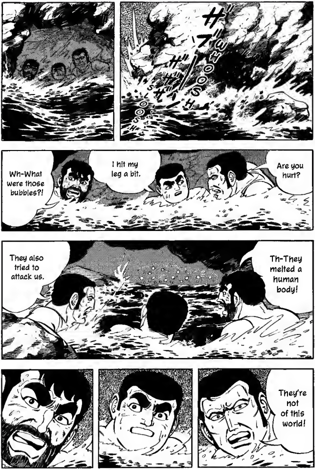
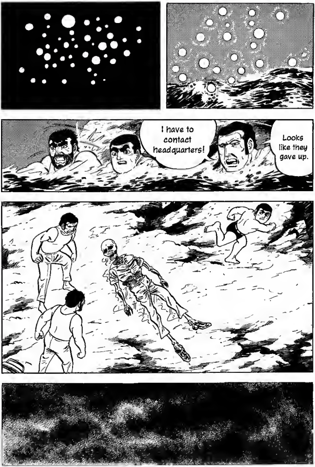
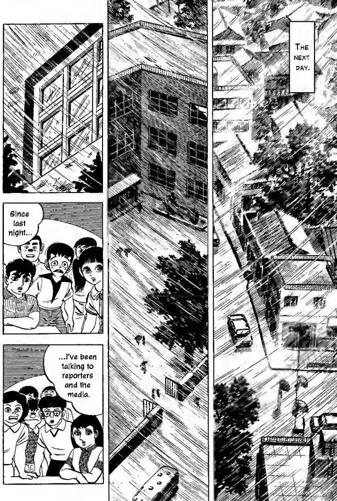
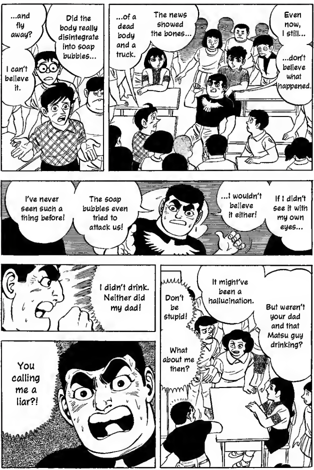
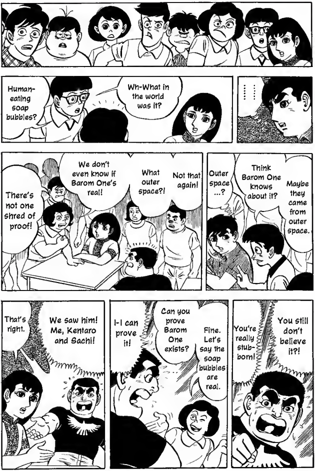

ザブーッ
WHOOSH
ザザザ
SLOOSH
Are you hurt?
I hit my leg a bit.
Wh-What were those bubbles?!
Th-They melted a human body!
They also tried to attack us.
They're not of this world!


Looks like they gave up.
I have to contact headquarters!


The next day.
Since last night...
...I've been talking to reporters and the media.


The news showed the bones...
...of a dead body and a truck.
Even now, I still...
...don't believe what happened.
Did the body really disintegrate into soap bubbles...
...and fly away?
I can't believe it.
If I didn't see it with my own eyes...
...I wouldn't believe it either!
The soap bubbles even tried to attack us!
I've never seen such a thing before!
It might've been a hallucination.
But weren't your dad and that Matsu guy drinking?
Don't be stupid!
What about me then?
I didn't drink. Neither did my dad!
You calling me a liar?!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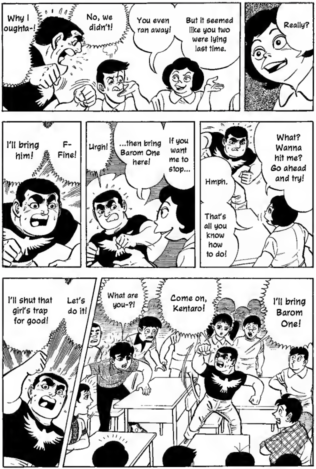
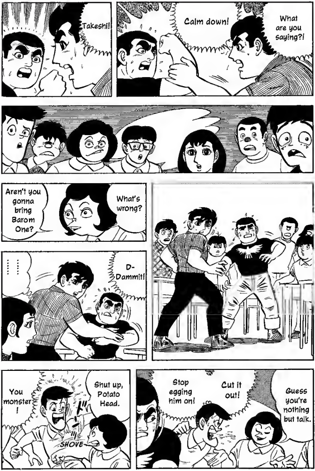
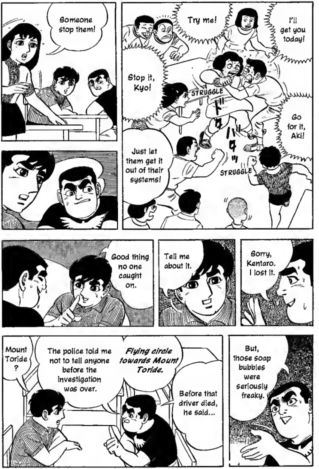
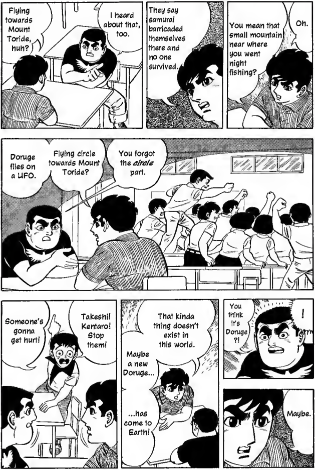
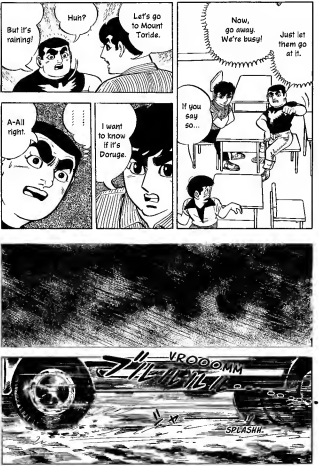
Wh-What in the world was it?
Human-eating soap bubbles?
Maybe they came from outer space.
Think Barom One knows about it?
Outer space ...?
Not that again!
What outer space?!
We don't even know if Barom One's real!
There's not one shred of proof!
You still don't believe it?!
You're really stubborn!
Fine. Let's say the soap bubbles are real.
Can you prove Barom One exists?
I-I can prove it!
We saw him! Me, Kentaro and Sachi!
That's right.
Mmmmm

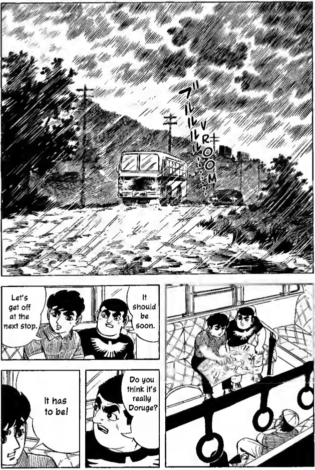

Really?
But it seemed like you two were lying last time.
You even ran away!
No, we didn't!
Why I oughta-!
What? Wanna hit me? Go ahead and try!
Hmph.
That's all you know how to do!
If you want me to stop...
...then bring Barom One here!
Urgh!
F-Fine!
I'll bring him!
I'll bring Barom One!
Come on, Kentaro!
What are you-?!
Let's do it!
I'll shut that girl's trap for good!

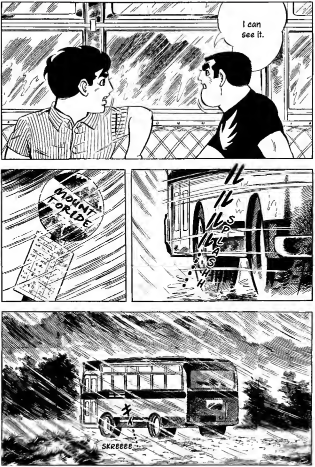

Takeshi!
Calm down!
What are you saying?!
Aren't you gonna bring Barom One?
What's wrong?
......
D-Dammit!
You monster!
Shut up, Potato Head.
SHOVE
Stop egging him on!
Cut it out!
Guess you're nothing but talk.

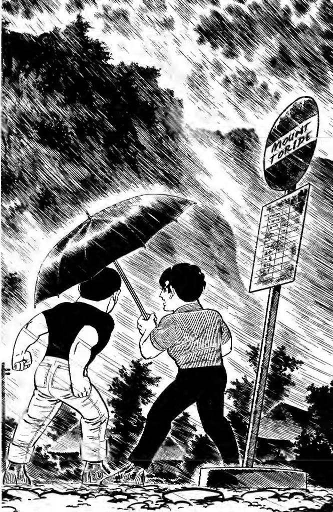

Someone stop them!
Try me!
I'll get you today!
Stop it, Kyo!
STRUGGLE
ドタバタ
Go for it, Aki!
Just let them get it out of their systems!
STRUGGLE
Good thing no one caught on.
Tell me about it.
Sorry, Kentaro. I lost it.
Mount Toride?
The police told me not to tell anyone before the investigation was over.
Flying circle towards Mount Toride.
Before that driver died, he said...
But, those soap bubbles were seriously freaky.

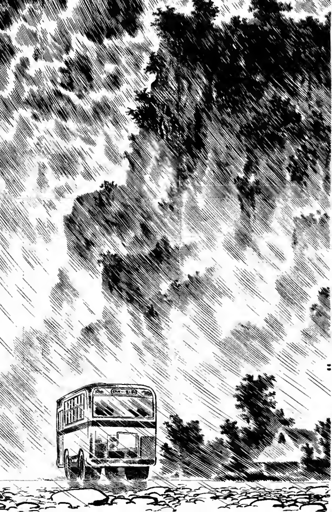

Flying towards Mount Toride, huh?
I heard about that, too.
They say samurai barricaded themselves there and no one survived.
You mean that small mountain near where you went night fishing?
Oh.
Doruge flies on a UFO.
Flying circle towards Mount Toride?
You forgot the *circle* part.
Someone's gonna get hurt!
Takeshi! Kentaro! Stop them!
That kinda thing doesn't exist in this world.
Maybe a new Doruge...
...has come to Earth!
You think it's Doruge?!
!
Maybe.

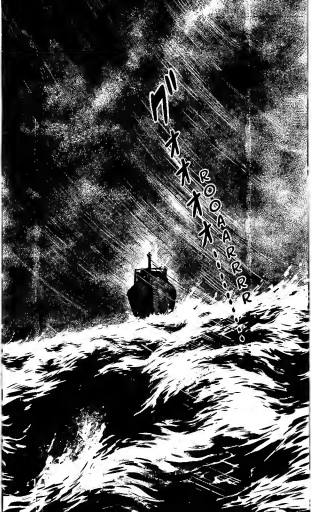

Now, go away. We're busy!
Just let them go at it.
If you say so...
Let's go to Mount Toride.
Huh?
But it's raining!
I want to know if it's Doruge.
....
A-All right.
VROOOMM
SPLASHH


ブルルル
VROOM
It should be soon.
Let's get off at the next stop.
Do you think it's really Doruge?
It has to be!


I can see it.
MOUNT TORIDE
SPLASHH
キ
SKREEEE


MOUNT TORIDE

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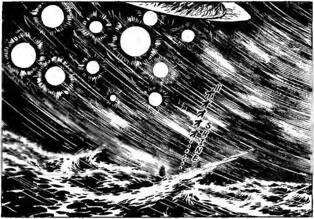
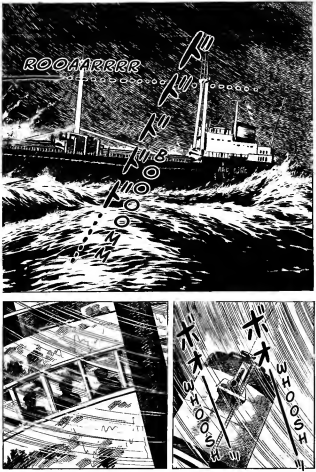
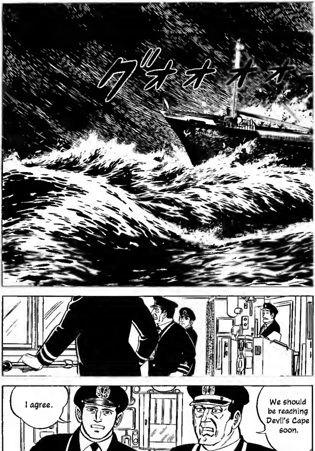
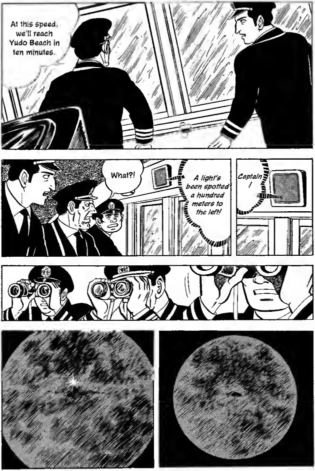
ROOAARRR

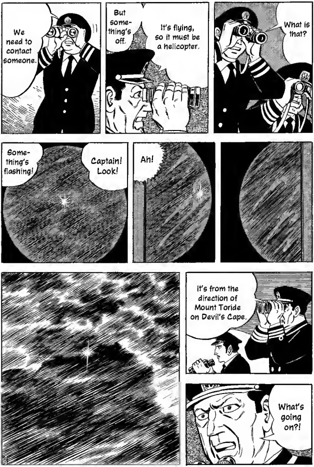

ボオオオ……
SHINE

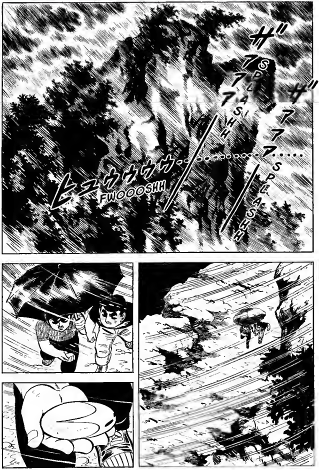
ドドオオ———ッ
BOOM
ザザザア
SPLASHH


ROOAARRRR
ドドドドド…
BOOOOMM
ボオ
WHOOSH
ボオ
WHOOSH


グオオオオー
We should be reaching Devil's Cape soon.
I agree.


At this speed, we'll reach Yudo Beach in ten minutes.
Captain!
A light's been spotted a hundred meters to the left!
What?!


What is that?
It's flying, so it must be a helicopter.
But something's off.
We need to contact someone.
Ah!
Captain! Look!
Something's flashing!
It's from the direction of Mount Toride on Devil's Cape.
What's going on?!


ザ゛ァァァ……
SPLASHH
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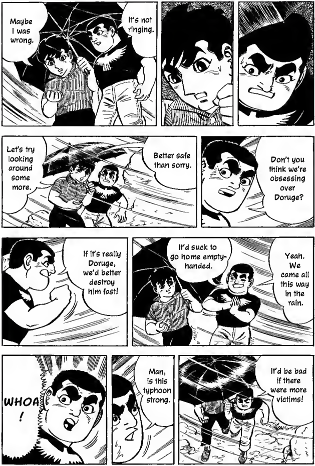
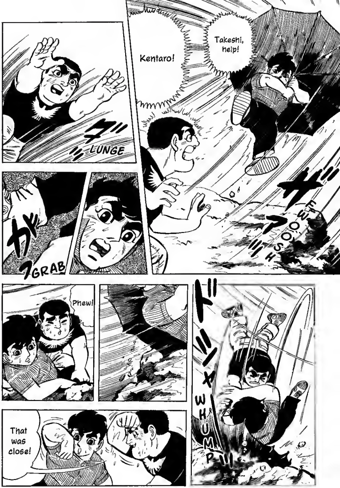
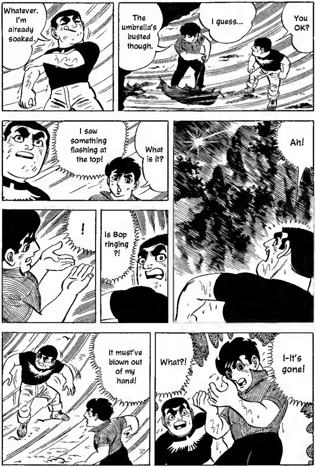
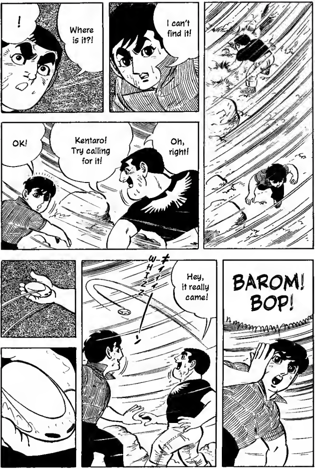
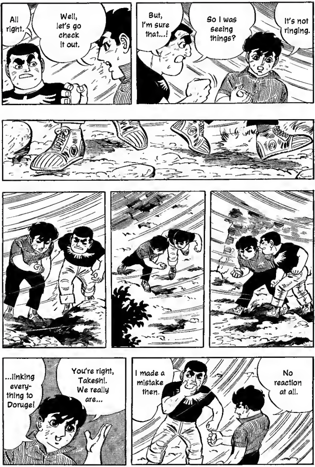
SPLASHH
ヒュウウウウ……
FWOOOSHH

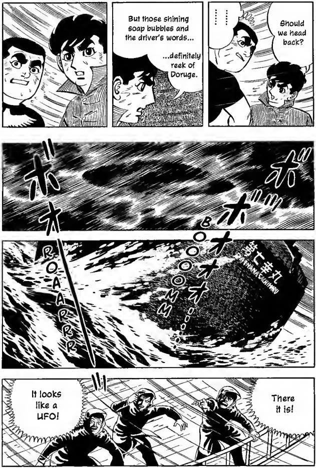

Maybe I was wrong.
It's not ringing.
Let's try looking around some more.
Better safe than sorry.
Don't you think we're obsessing over Doruge?
If it's really Doruge, we'd better destroy him fast!
It'd suck to go home empty-handed.
Yeah. We came all this way in the rain.
WHOA!
Man, is this typhoon strong.
It'd be bad if there were more victims!

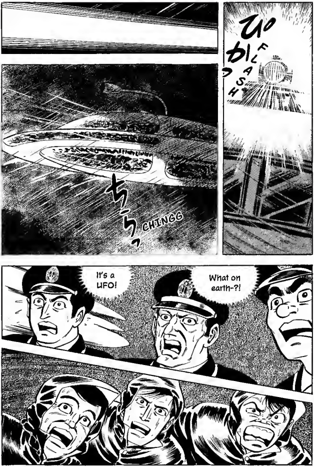

Takeshi, help!
Kentaro!
WHOOSH
LUNGE
GRAB
WHUMP
Phew!
That was close!

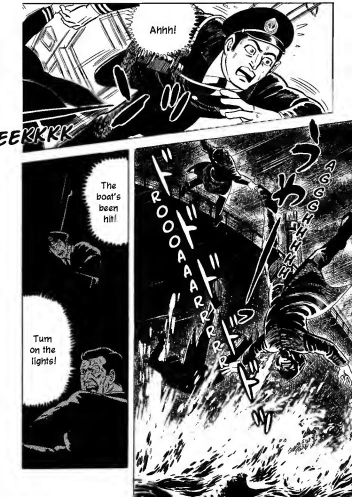

You OK?
I guess...
The umbrella's busted though.
Whatever. I'm already soaked.
Ah!
What is it?
I saw something flashing at the top!
Is Bop ringing?!
!
I-It's gone!
What?!
It must've blown out of my hand!

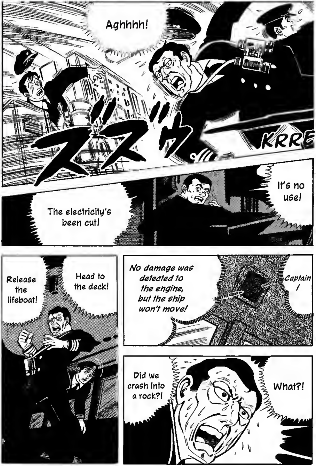

!
Where is it?!
I can't find it!
OK!
Kentaro! Try calling for it!
Oh, right!
WHIZZZ
Hey, it really came!
BAROM! BOP!


It's not ringing.
So I was seeing things?
But, I'm sure that...!
Well, let's go check it out.
All right.
No reaction at all.
I made a mistake then.
You're right, Takeshi. We really are...
...linking everything to Doruge!

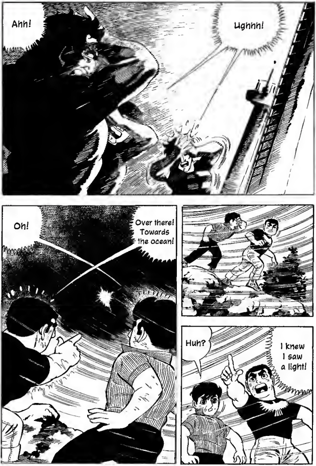

Should we head back?
......
But those shining soap bubbles and the driver's words...
...definitely reek of Doruge.
ボボボ
BOOOOMM...
ボオ
ROAAARR
第七幸丸
DAINANASACHIMARU
There it is!
It looks like a UFO!

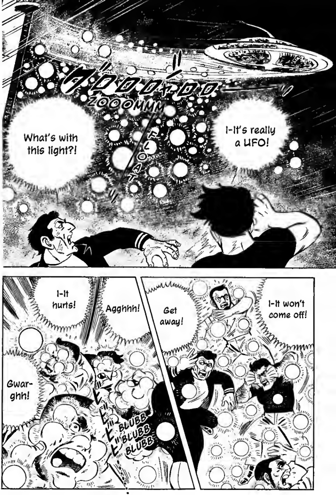

ぴかっ
FLASH
ちらっ
CHINGG
What on earth-?!
It's a UFO!

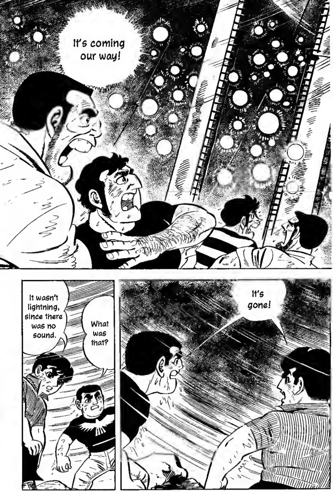

Ahhh!
EEKKKK
うわ
AGGGHHHHHH
ドドドド
ROOOAAARRRRR
ドッ
The boat's been hit!
Turn on the lights!

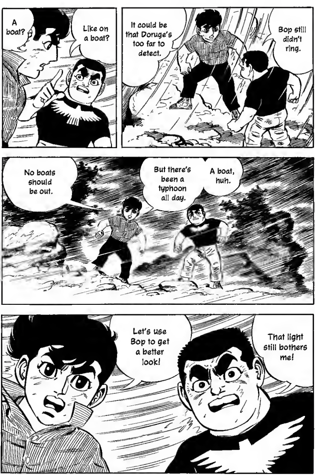

Aghhhh!
ズズヴ
KRREEL
It's no use!
The electricity's been cut!
Captain!
No damage was detected to the engine, but the ship won't move!
What?!
Did we crash into a rock?!
Head to the deck!
Release the lifeboat!

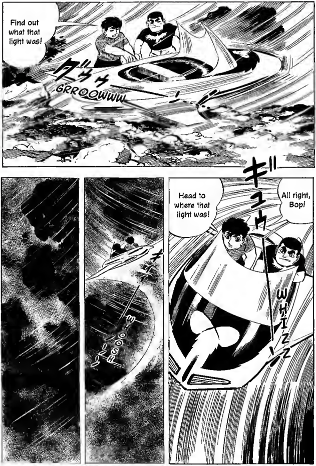
ルロロロロ…
WHOOSH
ぴかっ
FLASH

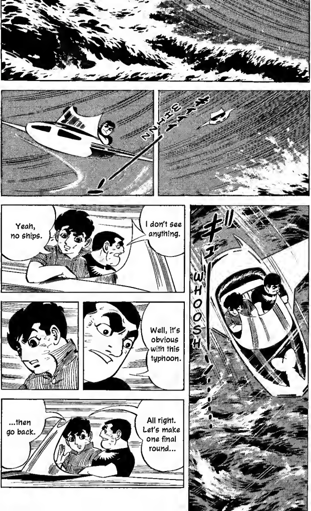

Ahh!
Ughhh!
Oh!
Over there! Towards the ocean!
Huh?
I knew I saw a light!

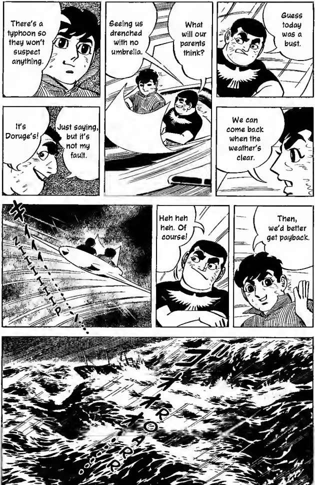

ZOOOMMM
FLOAT
I-It's really a UFO!
What's with this light?!
I-It won't come off!
Get away!
Agghhh!
I-It hurts!
Gwar-ghh!
BLUBB BLUBB BLUBB

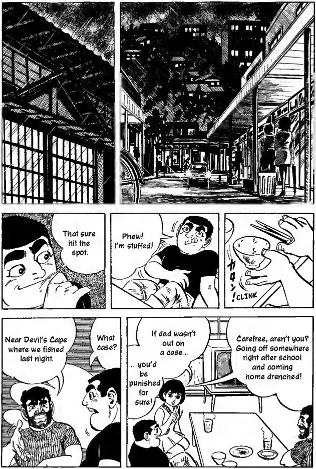

It's coming our way!
It's gone!
What was that?
It wasn't lightning, since there was no sound.

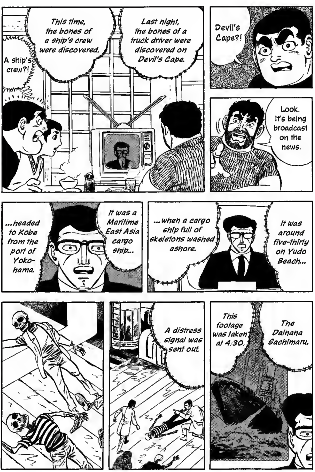

Bop still didn't ring.
It could be that Doruge's too far to detect.
Like on a boat?
A boat?
A boat, huh.
But there's been a typhoon all day.
No boats should be out.
That light still bothers me!
Let's use Bop to get a better look!

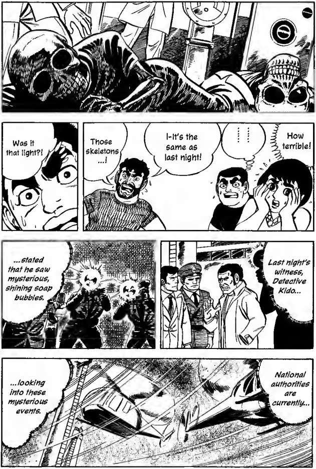

Find out what that light was!
グゥゥ
GRROOWWW
ギュウ
Head to where that light was!
All right, Bop!
WHIZZ
キイイ
WHOOSH
ゴーー

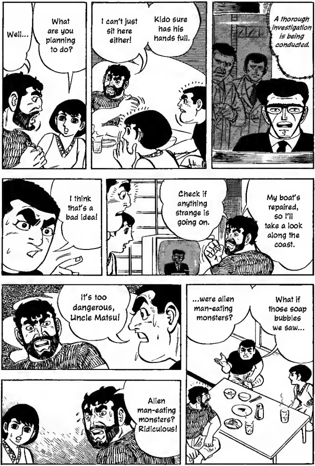

キィィィ
WHIZZ
ギュ
WHOOSH
I don't see anything.
Yeah, no ships.
Well, it's obvious with this typhoon.
All right. Let's make one final round...
...then go back.

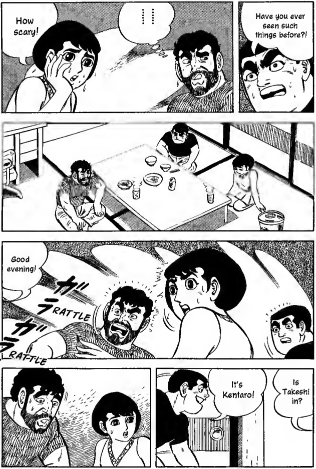

Guess today was a bust.
What will our parents think?
Seeing us drenched with no umbrella.
There's a typhoon so they won't suspect anything.
We can come back when the weather's clear.
Just saying, but it's not my fault.
It's Doruge's!
Then, we'd better get payback.
Heh heh heh. Of course!
ZIIIIIIIP
ROAR

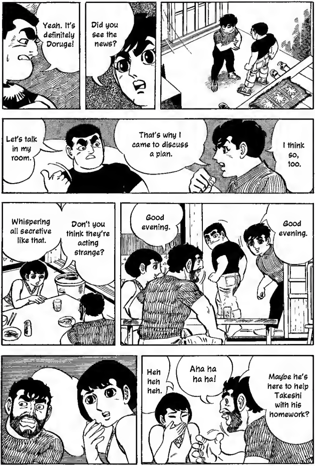

カタン
CLINK
Phew! I'm stuffed!
That sure hit the spot.
Carefree, aren't you? Going off somewhere right after school and coming home drenched!
If dad wasn't out on a case...
...you'd be punished for sure!
What case?
Near Devil's Cape where we fished last night.

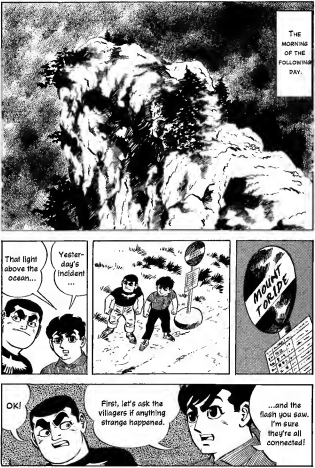

Devil's Cape?!
Look. It's being broadcast on the news.
Last night, the bones of a truck driver were discovered on Devil's Cape.
This time, the bones of a ship's crew were discovered.
A ship's crew?!
It was around five-thirty on Yudo Beach...
...when a cargo ship full of skeletons washed ashore.
It was a Maritime East Asia cargo ship...
...headed to Kobe from the port of Yokohama.
The Dainana Sachimaru.
This footage was taken at 4:30.
A distress signal was sent out.

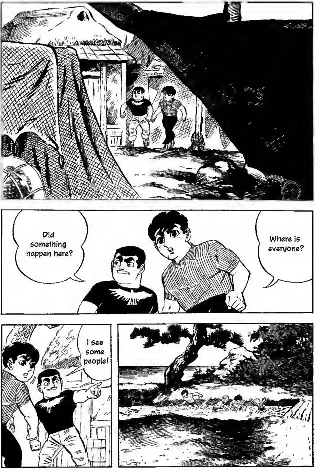

How terrible!
!!
I-It's the same as last night!
Those skeletons ...!
Was it that light?!
Last night's witness, Detective Kido...
...stated that he saw mysterious, shining soap bubbles.
National authorities are currently...
...looking into these mysterious events.

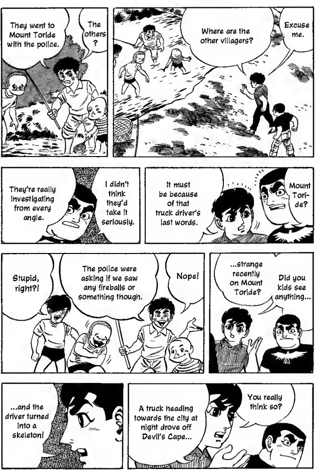

A thorough investigation is being conducted.
Kido sure has his hands full.
I can't just sit here either!
What are you planning to do?
Well...
My boat's repaired, so I'll take a look along the coast.
Check if anything strange is going on.
I think that's a bad idea!
What if those soap bubbles we saw...
...were alien man-eating monsters?
It's too dangerous, Uncle Matsu!
Alien man-eating monsters? Ridiculous!

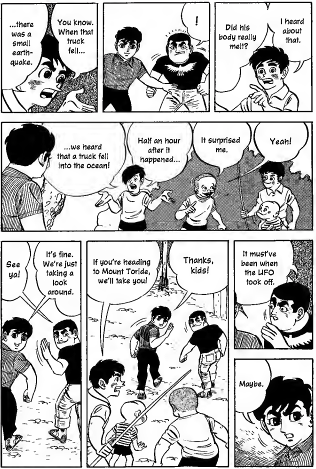

How scary!
……
Have you ever seen such things before?!
Good evening!
ガラ RATTLE
ガラ RAT-TLE
It's Kentaro!
Is Takeshi in?

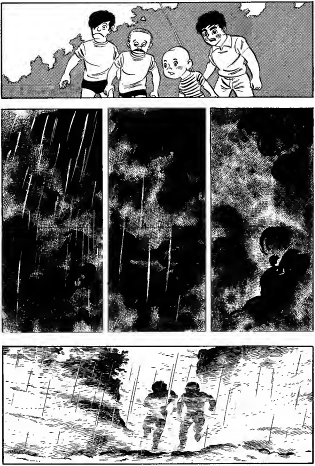

Did you see the news?
Yeah. It's definitely Doruge!
I think so, too.
That's why I came to discuss a plan.
Let's talk in my room.
Good evening.
Good evening.
Don't you think they're acting strange?
Whispering all secretive like that.
Maybe he's here to help Takeshi with his homework?
Aha ha ha ha!
Heh heh heh.

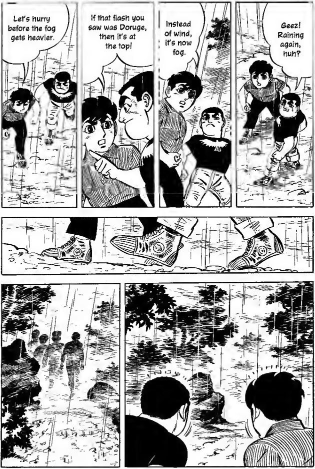

The morning of the following day.
That light above the ocean...
Yesterday's incident...
MOUNT TORIDE
...and the flash you saw. I'm sure they're all connected!
First, let's ask the villagers if anything strange happened.
OK!

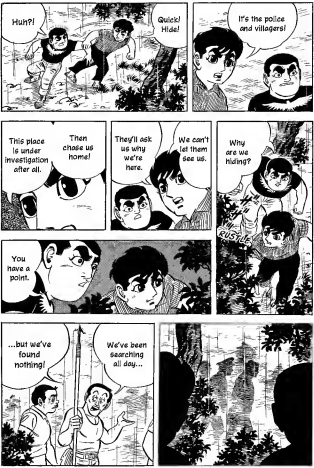

Where is everyone?
Did something happen here?
I see some people!

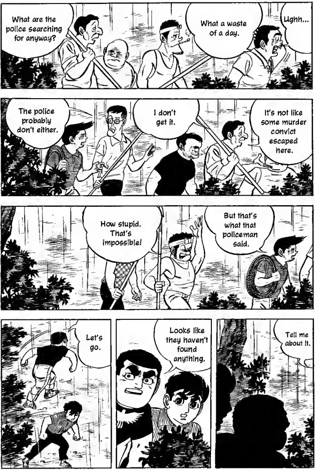

Excuse me.
Where are the other villagers?
The others?
They went to Mount Toride with the police.
Mount Toride?
It must be because of that truck driver's last words.
I didn't think they'd take it seriously.
They're really investigating from every angle.
Did you kids see anything...
...strange recently on Mount Toride?
Nope!
The police were asking if we saw any fireballs or something though.
Stupid, right?!
You really think so?
A truck heading towards the city at night drove off Devil's Cape...
...and the driver turned into a skeleton!

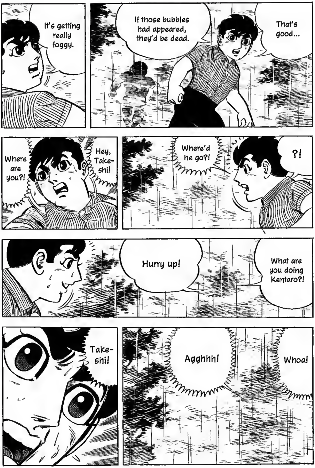

I heard about that.
Did his body really melt?
!
You know. When that truck fell...
...there was a small earthquake.
Yeah!
It surprised me.
Half an hour after it happened...
...we heard that a truck fell into the ocean!
It must've been when the UFO took off.
Maybe.
Thanks, kids!
If you're heading to Mount Toride, we'll take you!
It's fine. We're just taking a look around.
See ya!

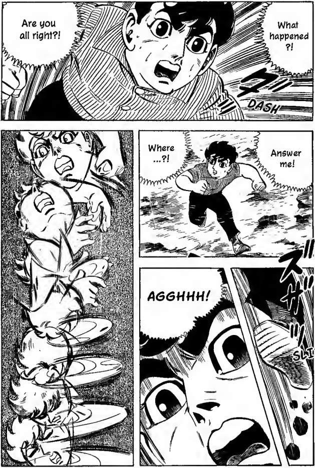


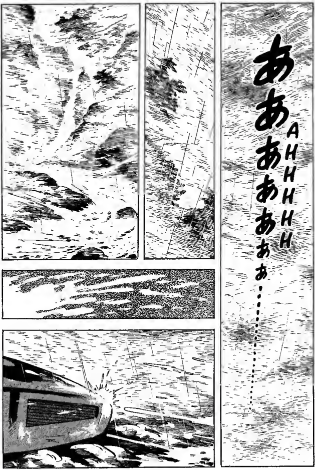

Geez! Raining again, huh?
Instead of wind, it's now fog.
If that flash you saw was Doruge, then it's at the top!
Let's hurry before the fog gets heavier.

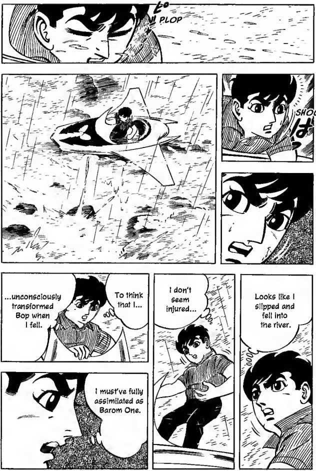

It's the police and villagers!
Quick! Hide!
Huh?!
Why are we hiding?
RUSTLE
We can't let them see us.
They'll ask us why we're here.
Then chase us home!
This place is under investigation after all.
You have a point.
We've been searching all day...
...but we've found nothing!

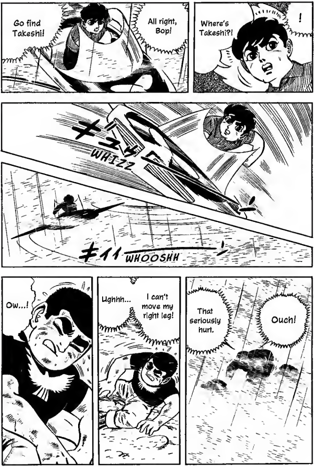

Ughh...
What a waste of a day.
What are the police searching for anyway?
It's not like some murder convict escaped here.
I don't get it.
The police probably don't either.
But that's what that policeman said.
How stupid. That's impossible!
Tell me about it.
Looks like they haven't found anything.
Let's go.

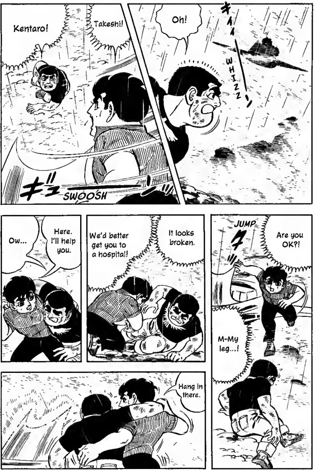

That's good...
If those bubbles had appeared, they'd be dead.
It's getting really foggy.
?!
Where'd he go?!
Hey, Takeshi!
Where are you?!
What are you doing Kentaro?!
Hurry up!
Whoa!
Agghhh!
Takeshi!

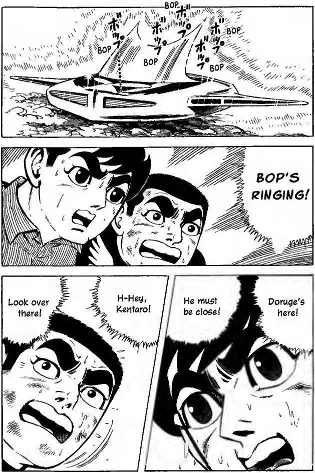

What happened ?!
Are you all right?!
ダ
DASH
Answer me!
Where ...?!
ズザ
SLIPP
AGGHHH!

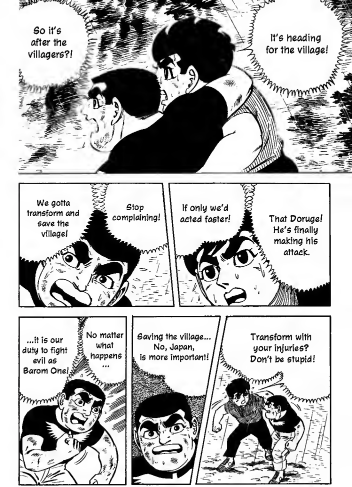

あああああぁぁ……
AHHHHH

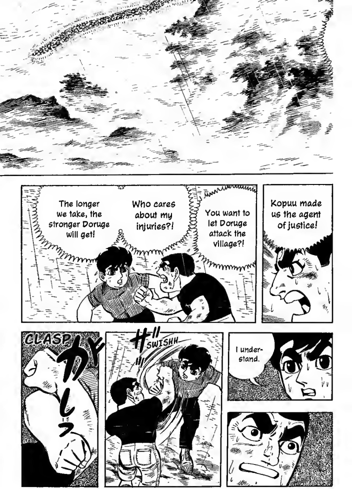

PLOP
SHOCK
Looks like I slipped and fell into the river.
I don't seem injured...
To think that I...
...unconsciously transformed Bop when I fell.
I must've fully assimilated as Barom One.

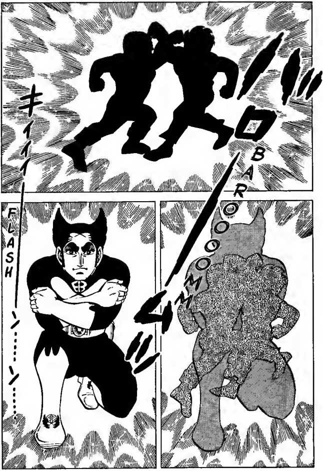

Go find Takeshi!
All right, Bop!
Where's Takeshi?!
!
キュッ
WHIZZ
キイイ
WHOOSHH
Ow...!
Ughhh...
I can't move my right leg!
That seriously hurt.
Ouch!


Oh!
キィィー
WHIZZ
Takeshi!
Kentaro!
ギュ
SWOOSH
JUMP
タ
Are you OK?!
M-My leg...!
It looks broken.
We'd better get you to a hospital!
Here. I'll help you.
Ow...
Hang in there.


ボップ
BOP
ボップ
BOP
ボップ
BOP
ボップ
BOP
ボップ
BOP
BOP'S RINGING!
Doruge's here!
He must be close!
H-Hey, Kentaro!
Look over there!


It's heading for the village!
So it's after the villagers?!
That Doruge! He's finally making his attack.
If only we'd acted faster!
Stop complaining!
We gotta transform and save the village!
Transform with your injuries? Don't be stupid!
Saving the village... No, Japan, is more important!
No matter what happens ...
...it is our duty to fight evil as Barom One!


The longer we take, the stronger Doruge will get!
Who cares about my injuries?!
You want to let Doruge attack the village?!
Kopuu made us the agent of justice!
CLASP
カしっ
SWISHH
I understand.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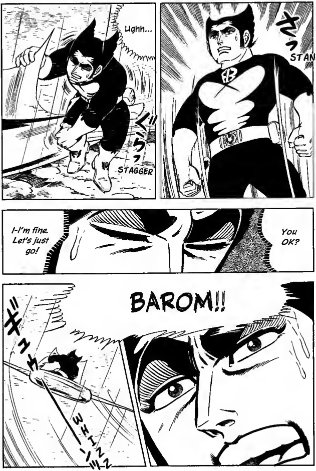
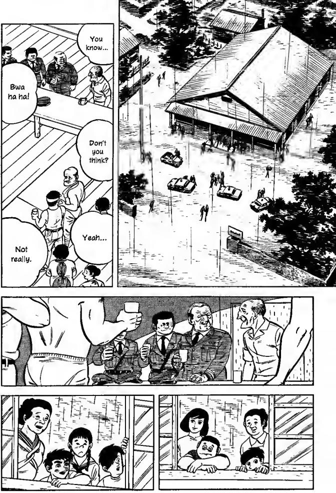
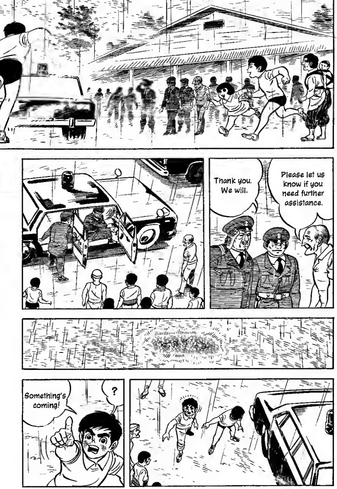
BAROOOOOM
ム
キイイイ—
FLASH
ン……ン……


さっ
STAND
Ughh...
ぐらっ
STAGGER
You OK?
I-I'm fine. Let's just go!
BAROM!!
ギュゥーン
WHIZZ


You know...
Bwa ha ha!
Don't you think?
Yeah...
Not really.


Please let us know if you need further assistance.
Thank you. We will.
Something's coming!
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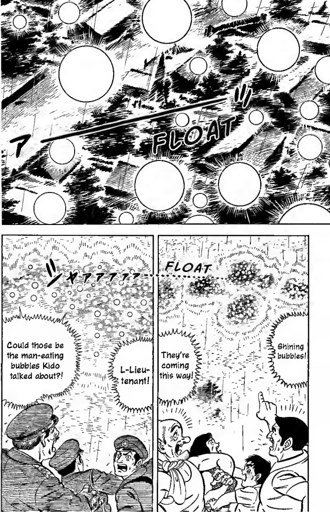
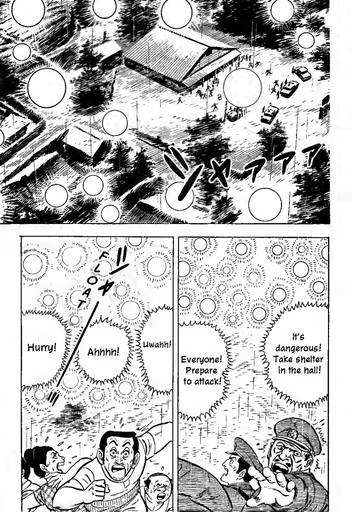
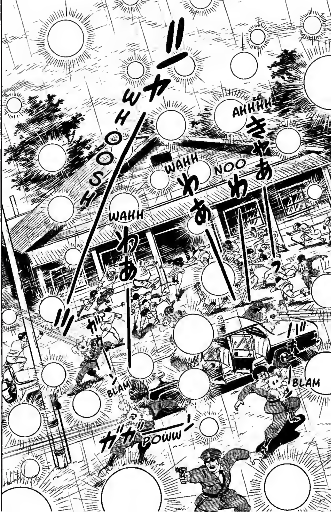
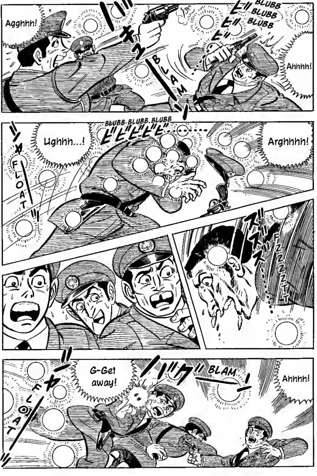
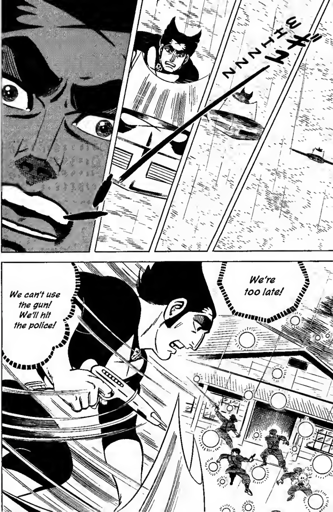
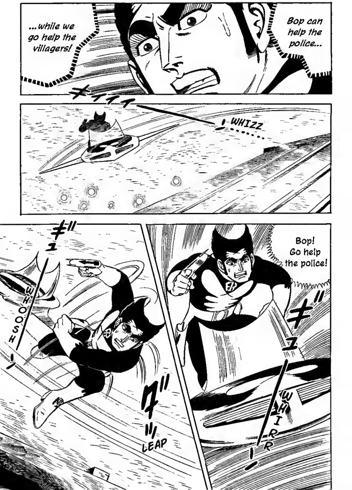

FLOAT
FLOAT
Shining bubbles!
They're coming this way!
L-Lieu-tenant!
Could those be the man-eating bubbles Kido talked about?!

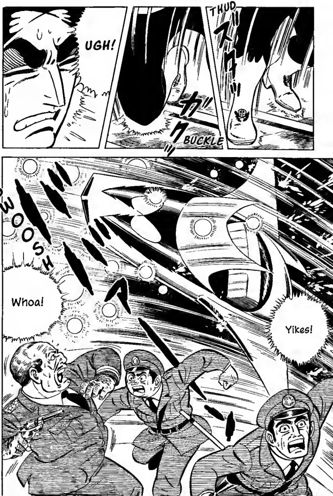

ジャアアア
It's dangerous! Take shelter in the hall!
Everyone! Prepare to attack!
Uwahh!
Ahhhh!
Hurry!
FLOAT

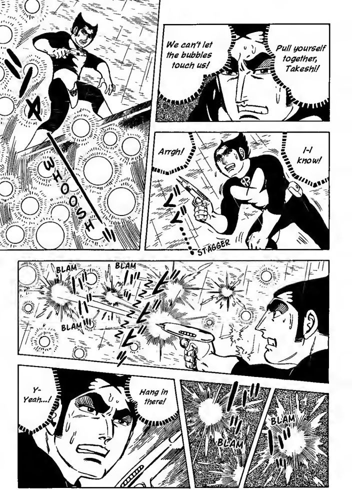

AHHHH
きゃあっ
NOO
わ
WAHH
わあ
ガ
WHOOSH
WAHH
わあ
バキュ
BLAM
ガゥ
BLAM
ガガ
POWW

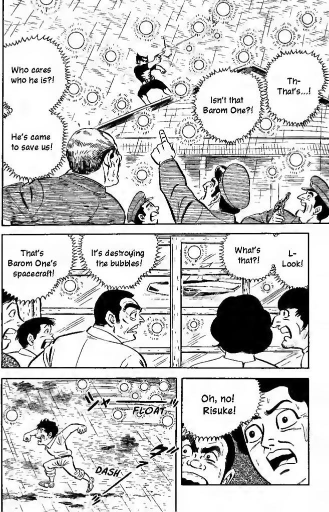

BLUBB BLUBB BLUBB
Ahhhh!
BLAM
Agghhh!
Arghhhh!
BLUBB.BLUBB.BLUBB
Ughhh...!
FLOAT
FZZZZZT
Ahhhh!
BLAM
G-Get away!
FLOAT

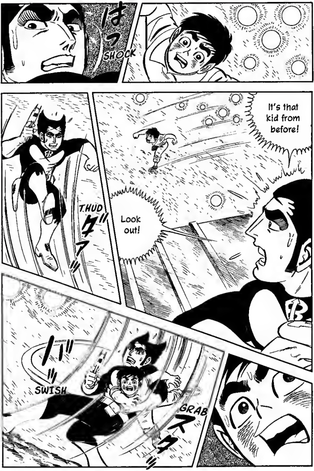

ギュ
WHIZZZ
We're too late!
We can't use the gun! We'll hit the police!

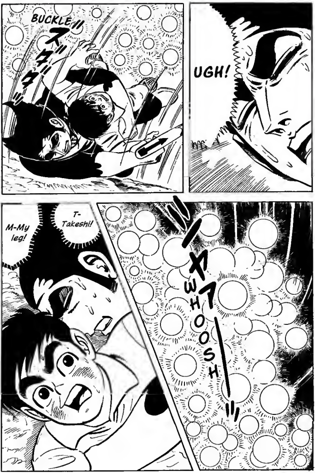

Bop can help the police...
...while we go help the villagers!
キィィィ
WHIZZ
Bop! Go help the police!
ギュ
WHIRR
ギュ
WHOOSH
ダッ
LEAP

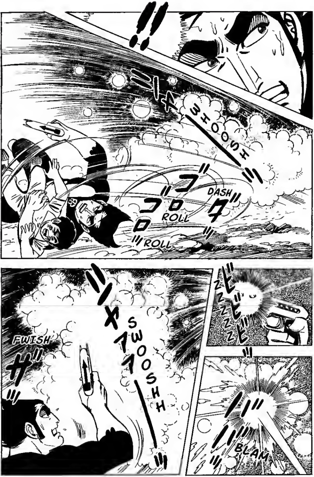

THUD
ズダッ
ガクッ
BUCKLE
UGH!
SWOOSH
Yikes!
Whoa!


Pull yourself together, Takeshi!
We can't let the bubbles touch us!
I-I know!
Arrgh!
STAGGER
WHOOSH
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
Hang in there!
Y-Yeah...!


Th- That's...!
Isn't that Barom One?!
Who cares who he is?!
He's came to save us!
L- Look!
What's that?!
It's destroying the bubbles!
That's Barom One's spacecraft!
Oh, no! Risuke!
FLOAT
DASH


はっ
SHOCK
It's that kid from before!
Look out!
THUD
ダッ
GRAB
スタッ
SWISH
バッ


UGH!
BUCKLE
ズダダ
WHOOSH
シャアー
T-Takeshi!
M-My leg!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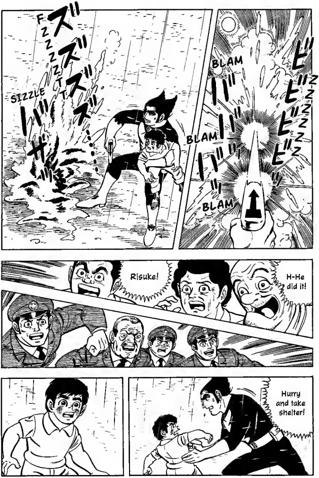
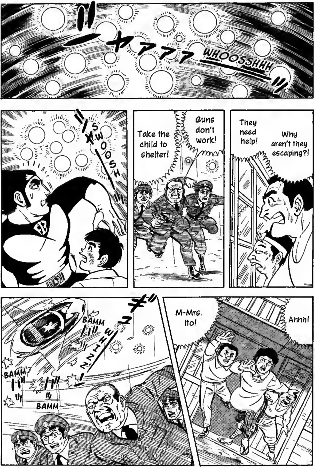
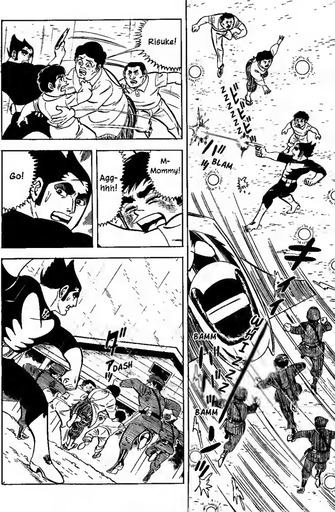
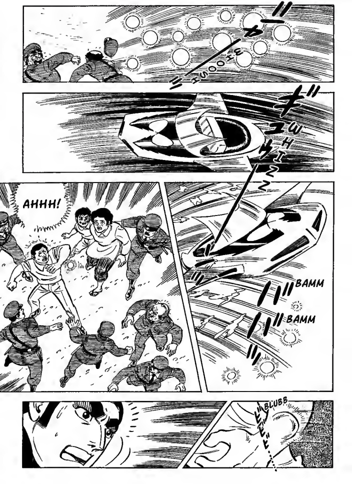
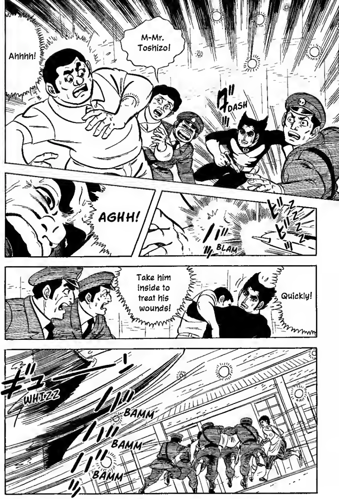
SHOOSH
DASH
ROLL
ROLL
ZZZZZZ
BLAM
SWOOSHH
FWISH

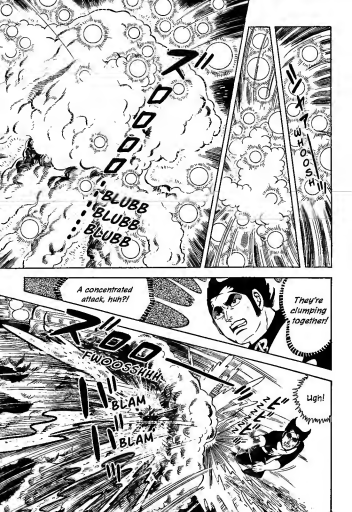

BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
ZZZZZZZ
FZZZZTT
SIZZLE
H-He did it!
Risuke!
Hurry and take shelter!

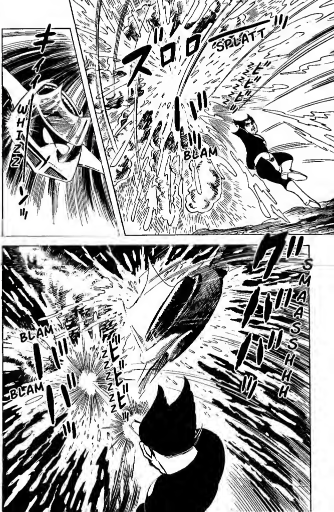

WHOOSSHHH
SWOOSH
Take the child to shelter!
Guns don't work!
They need help!
Why aren't they escaping?!
BAMM
BAMM
BAMM
WHIZZZ
M-Mrs. Ito!
Ahhh!

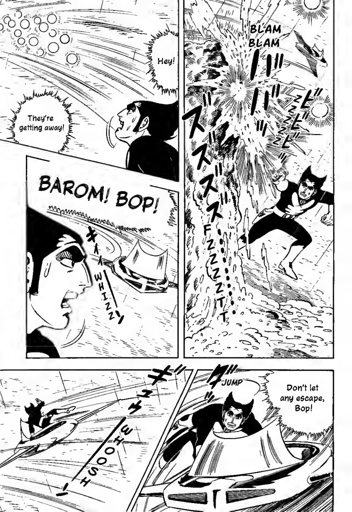

ZZZZZZ
ビビビビ
BLAM
WHIZZZ
BAMM
BAMM
Risuke!
Go!
M-Mommy!
Agg-hhh!
DASH

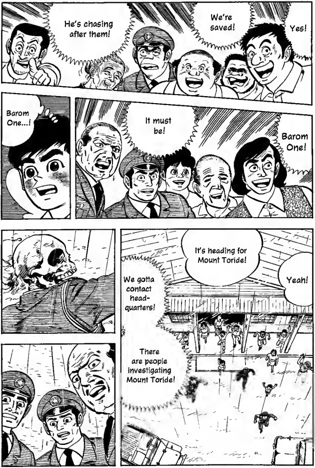

ガーッ
WHOOSH
ギュウ
WHIZZ
バッ
BAMM
バッ
BAMM
AHHH!
ビビビビ…
BLUBB

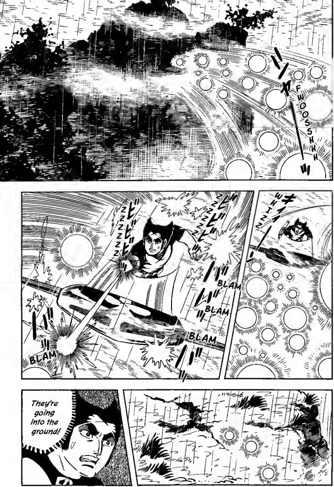

DASH
M-Mr. Toshizo!
Ahhhh!
BLAM
AGHH!
Quickly!
Take him inside to treat his wounds!
WHIZZ
BAMM
BAMM
BAMM

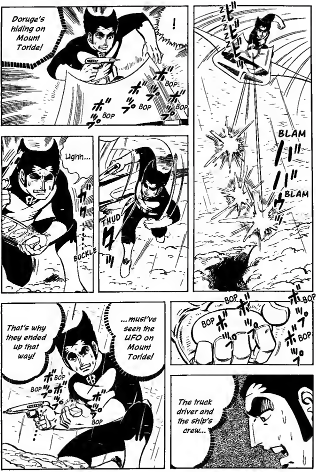

WHOOSH
ズロロロロ
BLUBB
BLUBB
BLUBB
They're clumping together!
A concentrated attack, huh?!
ズロロー
FWOOSSHHH
BLAM
BLAM
Ugh!

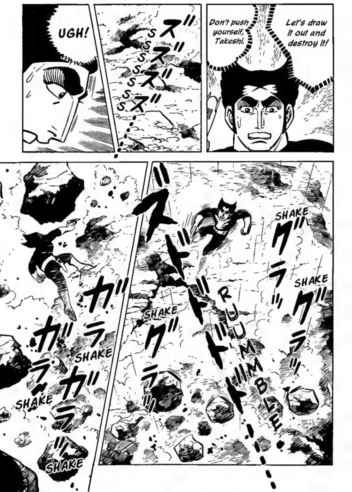

ズロロ
SPLATT
ビビビ
zzzz
バ
BLAM
キイイン
WHIZZ
グバババ
SMAASSHHH
ビビビ
zzzz
BLAM
バ
BLAM
バ


BLAM
BLAM
FZZZZT
Hey!
They're getting away!
BAROM! BOP!
WHIZZ
Don't let any escape, Bop!
JUMP
WHOOSH


Yes!
We're saved!
He's chasing after them!
Barom One!
It must be!
Barom One...!
It's heading for Mount Toride!
Yeah!
We gotta contact headquarters!
There are people investigating Mount Toride!


FWOOSSHHH
ZZZZ
ZZZZ
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
WHIZZZ
They're going into the ground!


BLAM
BLAM
Doruge's hiding on Mount Toride!
!
BOP
BOP
BOP
BOP
THUD
Ughn...
BUCKLE
BOP
BOP
BOP
BOP
The truck driver and the ship's crew...
...must've seen the UFO on Mount Toride!
That's why they ended up that way!
BOP
BOP
BOP


UGH!
S S S S S S
ズズズズ
Don't push yourself, Takeshi.
Let's draw it out and destroy it!
ズドドドドド
RUMMBLE
SHAKE
グラッ
SHAKE
グラッ
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グラッ
ガラ
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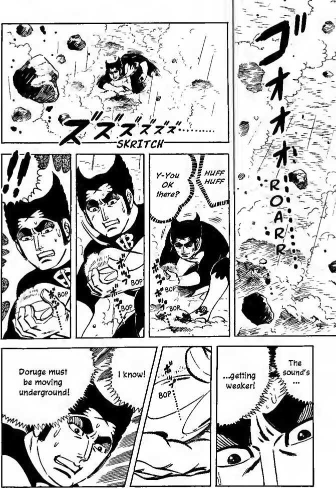
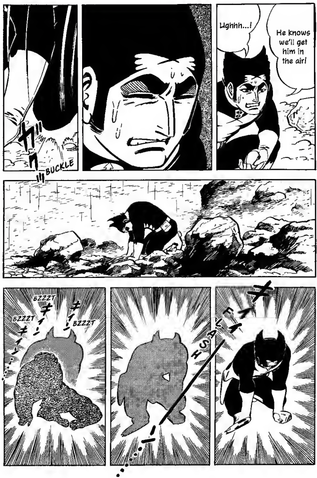
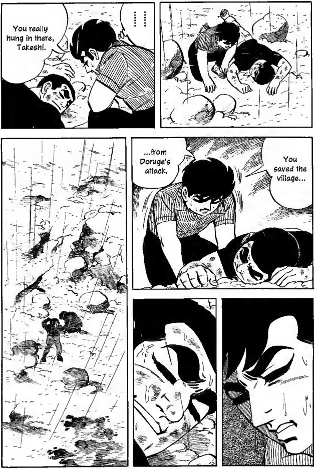
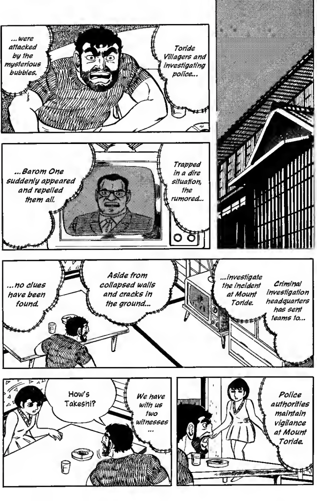
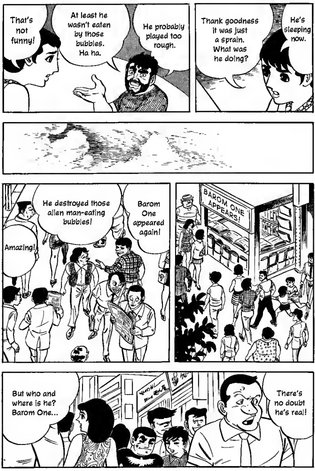
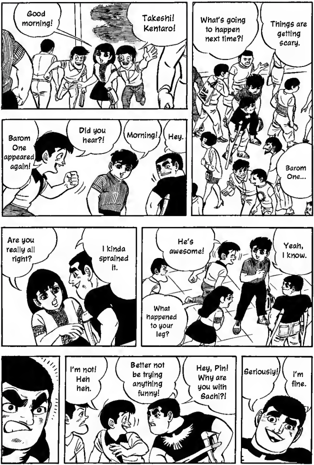

ゴオオオ
ROARR
ズズズズズズ………
SKRITCH
HUFF HUFF
Y-You OK there?
ボッ BOP
ボッ BOP
ボッ BOP
ボッ BOP
ボッ BOP
!!
ボッ BOP
The sound's ...
...getting weaker!
ボッ BOP
I know!
Doruge must be moving underground!

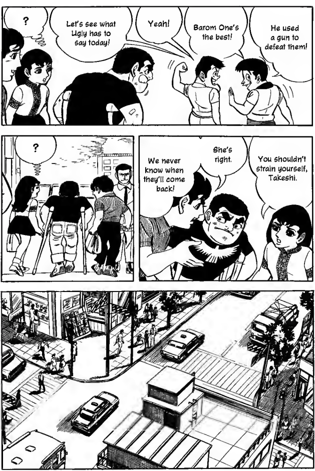

Ughhh...!
He knows we'll get him in the air!
BUCKLE
FLASH
BZZZT
BZZZT
BZZZT


……
You really hung in there, Takeshi.
You saved the village...
...from Doruge's attack.


Toride Villagers and investigating police...
...were attacked by the mysterious bubbles.
Trapped in a dire situation, the rumored...
...Barom One suddenly appeared and repelled them all.
Criminal investigation headquarters has sent teams to...
...investigate the incident at Mount Toride.
Aside from collapsed walls and cracks in the ground...
...no clues have been found.
Police authorities maintain vigilance at Mount Toride.
We have with us two witnesses...
How's Takeshi?


He's sleeping now.
Thank goodness it was just a sprain. What was he doing?
He probably played too rough.
At least he wasn't eaten by those bubbles. Ha ha.
That's not funny!
BAROM ONE APPEARS!
Barom One appeared again!
He destroyed those alien man-eating bubbles!
Amazing!
There's no doubt he's real!
But who and where is he? Barom One...


Things are getting scary.
What's going to happen next time?!
Barom One...
Takeshi! Kentaro!
Good morning!
Hey.
Morning!
Did you hear?!
Barom One appeared again!
Yeah, I know.
He's awesome!
What happened to your leg?
I kinda sprained it.
Are you really all right?
I'm fine.
Seriously!
Hey, Pin! Why are you with Sachi?!
Better not be trying anything funny!
I'm not! Heh heh.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Let's see what Ugly has to say today!
Yeah!
Barom One's the best!
He used a gun to defeat them!
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We never know when they'll come back!
She's right.
You shouldn't strain yourself, Takeshi.

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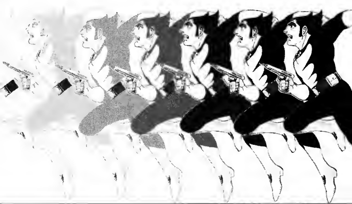

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